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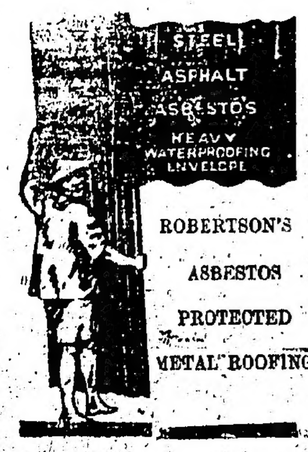

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"UNFORTUNATE."

BROKER'S VIEWS ON SHARES DECISION.

THE BANKS' ATTITUDE.

A broker who was interviewed by a "China Mail" representative this morning regarding the turning down by the Chamber of Commerce of the scheme for preventing "carriers" of shares from selling below a stated price before the expiry of a certain period, was of the opinion that the scheme had represented the only means of salvation of the disrupted market. In bringing forward such a scheme the Stock Exchange and Sharebrokers' Association could hardly be said to be acting solely on the instinct of self-preservation he said, in view of the fact that it was the buying community who would benefit from such moratorium. It represented a genuine attempt to check the very heavy fall in prices of shares and ensure their stability.

The attitude of the foreign banks, in our informant's opinion, was entirely unjustified. He denied that money had ever been scarce in Hongkong and contended that these banks had more than they were able to find employment for. The drastic depreciation in the price of quite a large number of stocks was due principally to the banks refusing to negotiate scrips on the basis prior to June 22, in fact upon any basis at all. Their attitude that scrips were worth nothing at all showed a grave lack of foresight and confidence in local industries, he contended. Did the Banks really think that the stability of the firms here was so threatened that they were now justified in refusing to look at a scrip tendered whereas before June they were willing to advance on the basis of from 60 to 70 per cent. on the market price.

The attitude taken up by the Banks, the Chamber of Commerce and their legal advisers was unfortunate, in the opinion of the broker. To regard a moratorium as a violation of contracts was inconsistent, since a voluntary moratorium had already been granted by the merchants to the Chinese dealers in respect of piece goods dealings and an extension of time allowed for carrying out of contracts. Our informant was of the opinion that no interest was to be charged for the extended time.

The action of the Governor in Council in granting a moratorium in favour of the native banks was also instanced to the reporter.

PRISONER'S FRIEND.

ONE DOLLAR COSTS FIFTY.

OFFENDING PRISON RULES.

For extending his sympathies in the wrong direction a Chinese coolie found himself in the dock at the Central Magistracy this morning, the official charge reading "attempting to convey $1 to a prisoner."

The accused visited the prison yesterday afternoon to see a man who was held on remand. He was observed by an Indian warder to throw something into the enclosure where the prisoners were kept, but it failed to get through the wire netting. On investigation it proved to be a one dollar note.

Captain Bloxham informed His Worship (Mr. R. A. D. Forrest) that unauthorised articles were often smuggled into the prison and it had been difficult to detect the carriers. He pressed for punishment which would serve as a warning to other offenders.

The accused, who pleaded guilty, was fined $50, or in the alternative two months' hard labour, the one dollar note going to the poor box.

CORRECTION.

In our earlier copies yesterday, through the omission of a line, a report of an execution at Victoria Gaol was misleading. The prisoner who paid the penalty for his misdeeds was a Chinese who murdered an Indian police constable.

STUDENTS RETURN.

NEW UNIVERSITY TERM COMMENCES.

GOOD ATTENDANCE.

As the day on which the University of Hongkong opens, to-day has held a certain amount of significance and there has been speculation as to the probable attendance at the various Halls. It was not anticipated officially that there would be a large number of absentees for statistics given recently respecting scholars at Government schools show that where it has been possible students have returned and in other cases they are desirous of doing so.

These anticipations were fulfilled this morning and a large percentage of students have enrolled for the winter term. Others who are prevented temporarily from getting to Hongkong have written expressing their intention of returning as soon as possible. It will be remembered that the University was in vacation during the trouble experienced in certain of the local schools and colleges and that the University is not called upon to prevent the return of any student, the only provision of the Government's policy affecting them being co-operation in the exclusion of "strikers."

Work in preparation for the forthcoming examination will proceed as usual.

LEAVE TO APPEAL.

TAXICAB DRIVER CASE RE-OPENED.

COMPANY'S APPLICATION.

Leave was granted in the Supreme Court this morning on behalf of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company for an appeal to be made in respect of a judgment by His Honour, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Puisne Judge. The date of hearing of appeal was not fixed.

Mr. Justice Wood had found in favour of an employee of the Company who had claimed the return of $100 paid by him under contract. As this would not have been returned for three years if the contract had been fulfilled, the actual amount awarded the employee by the Puisne Judge was that which would amount to $100 at the end of the three years, minus interest at 8 per cent. per annum.

The following were the points raised by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) in support of his claim that Mr. Justice Wood's judgment was erroneous in law:—

(a) in deciding that the action was not barred by the 4th section of the statute of frauds.

(b) in not deciding that nothing was recoverable by reason of the Employees' and Servants' Ordinance, 1902.

(c) in not deciding that nothing was recoverable by reason of the prior acceptance by the plaintiff respondents of $30 in satisfaction of the claim for damages.

Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, Chief Justice, sat with the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, to consider the application for leave to appeal. Their decision was that there was a case to argue.

A motor lorry ran into a verandah at Queen's Road near Tai Wong Street yesterday morning and collided with a pillar. The lorry was badly damaged.

To-day's weather report states that the typhoon is near the South-West extremity of Japan and appears to have partially filled up. The forecast (for Hongkong) for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is:—North-East winds, fresh; fine.

The announcement made that His Excellency the Governor's Private Secretary, Mr. T. [illegible] St. Lawrence was leaving Colony by the "Empress of Russia" is incorrect. Mr. [illegible] St. Lawrence is not at present [illegible] the Colony.

RATHER STRANGE.

STRIKE PICKETS ON STRIKE!

RESTRICTIONS RELAXING.

Surprise has been expressed at the manner in which people are once more being allowed to come to Hongkong from Namtau, the small port in Chinese territory, just beyond Deep Bay.

Two ferries ply between Namtau and Hongkong and they have been fairly well supported during the last two days, the first indication of this having been noted in yesterday's "China Mail."

Some think that the notorious Chan Ping-sang has a grievance against Canton and has relaxed the restrictions on travellers wishing to get to Hongkong, but other believe that the amount needed as "squeeze" for a passport has been reduced and this has tended to an increased turnover. It has been reported that at some times the strike pickets are not even functioning.

PASSING THE TIME.

RAID BY POLICE SPOILS FEAST.

GAMBLERS IN COURT.

A gambling den at Bowrington Canal Road was raided by Sergeant O'Donovan and a party of detectives last night when 21 persons were secured.

When charged before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning, only three of those arrested were present. The others had their bail money estreated.

It was stated in evidence by a district watchman that the raid was not put into execution until he had been a few minutes in the house and had observed one of the three men collecting the winnings, a part of which he dropped into a box.

The defendants claimed that they were employees of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, and having nothing to do until 10 p.m. they passed the time by playing "Pai Kau." The man who was charged with being the keeper of the gambling house explained that the few ten-cent pieces he dropped into the box was for the purpose of providing a feast after the game.

This story was disbelieved by His Worship, who imposed a fine of $75 on the keeper and $2 on the others. The money seized, amounting to $22, was confiscated.

PASSENGERS.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

In the passenger list of the s.s. "Malwa," which arrived this morning from Home, there are not many names of local residents to be noted. Maj. P. Rashleigh returned to the Colony, also Mr. E. G. Stewart, of St. Paul's College.

The "Empress of Russia," which leaves at 5 p.m. to-day, carries a number of Hongkong residents, these including Mr. J. A. McArthur, sub-manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, bound for Home with Mrs. McArthur, Mr. S. Church, International Banking Corporation, bound for Yokohama where he takes up a new post, Dr. B. A. Moore, of the Government Medical Service, accompanied by Mrs. Moore, Mr. Allan Cameron, of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Company, and Mrs. Cameron, all for Yokohama, Mr. E. V. Jesson, Superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraphs, also Mrs. Jesson, for Nagasaki.

The Curtiss biplane which was the property of Mr. Abbott was auctioned again yesterday, also a quantity of spare parts, but no sale was effected. The plane was put up by the auctioneer at an opening price of $500 but there were no offers. There were a few bids for a Kit Curtiss moke but they only reached $100 when one of the reserve prices also for a collection of several [illegible] which also was withdrawn. The only lots sold were the [illegible] which were [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible].

STRONG THREAT.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING SENSATION.

LINERS TO BE WITHHELD?

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, Sept. 16.

Though two maize steamers have sailed and the Dutch vessel "Rietfontein" is taking mails and gold bullion from the Rand, the strike situation is becoming worse.

There are now 2,000 seamen ashore at South Africa. Hundreds are enjoying the beautiful environment of Table Mountain, playing football and cricket. Local Labour leaders are making public appeals for more playing outfits.

The fruit congestion at the docks is very serious and the egg exporting season has just arrived.

The captain of the steamer "Athel Foam" has committed suicide at Durban, allegedly through being worried by the strike.

It appears that the "Port Curno," mentioned earlier, was taken out by the officers, but the firemen refused to work, except back to Durban, where the strikers have now been accommodated in public halls and at the police station.

OWNERS' BURDEN.

Melbourne, Sept. 16.

Thirty-three overseas vessels of a tonnage of a third of a million are idle at Australian ports.

Capetown, Sept. 16.

The liner "Trafford Hall" has sailed for England with a Lascar crew carrying a full complement of 86 passengers and £800,000 in specie.

Durban, Sept. 16.

Acting on official instructions the police have informed the captains of vessels that it is illegal to refuse to feed strikers and the Government holds the shipowners responsible for expenditure incurred to feed men forced ashore.

A SKIPPER'S COMPOSURE.

Adelaide, Sept. 16.

One hundred and thirty seamen belonging to the steamers "Zealandic," "Balranald" and "Inkum" have been sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment.

Melbourne, Sept. 16.

The "Mongolia" has sailed, but the crew of the steamer "Port Wellington" have struck.

Sydney, Sept. 16.

Fifty-one striking seamen have been arrested.

The Australian Labour Congress has issued a manifesto urging the workers in nowise to assist in carrying out deportation sentences in connection with the seamen's strike.

Brisbane, Sept. 16.

The crew of the "Port Hobart" walked ashore, but the vessel has been manned by officers, fifteen engineers, three boys and four apprentices.

When the vessel sailed the crew standing on the wharf cheered lustily. The captain acknowledged this by raising his cap.

SEVENTY BRITISH VESSELS IDLE.

London, Sept. 16.

As a result of the congestion of shipping abroad owing to the seamen's strike, the directors of the affected lines are discussing in London the advisability of curtailing the sailings to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Over seventy British vessels are now lying idle in foreign ports as a result of the strike and the delivery of about 750,000 tons of goods is delayed.

AUSTRALIAN SENSATION.

Sydney, Sept. 17.

A sensation has been caused in shipping and commercial circles by cables from England, stating that liners might cease to go to Australia while the strike lasts.

The owners' representatives have made a statement that they are fighting for the principle of collective bargaining and demand the unconditional return of the strikers.

Another 118 seamen have been sentenced to a week's imprisonment.

In the Legislative Assembly, replying to a question, the Attorney-General said that the prosecutions of British seamen were instituted by the local representatives of the shipowners under the British Merchant Shipping Act, which no Dominion is authorised to amend.

SOME BIG SHIPS.

HONGKONG'S POSITION AS A PORT.

FOUR LINERS ARRIVE.

Hongkong's shipping "slump" cannot be all that Canton makes it out to be as four large ocean-going vessels which go into the category of liners arrived within the space of daylight and mid-day this morning. Approximately those four ships aggregate close on to 100,000 tons if not more. With the "Empress of Russia" already in port and the "Amboise" which came in from the North yesterday, the harbour has a brave array of shipping giants.

Early in the morning the Messageries Maritimes "Porthos" entered from Europe, via Saigon, and is at her buoy in mid-stream opposite the Harbour Office.

Next came the Admiral Line "President Grant" from Manila the green "535" which is alongside the Wharf and Godown Co.'s Kowloon pier.

Later on was the Dollar Line (round-the-world service) "President Pierce" from the U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai. She is the vessel with hull painted black and the well-known $ mark on the funnel.

The P. & O.'s "Malwa" made up the quartette, arriving here from Europe, via Singapore.

All four ships carried mails. The "Malwa" had the letters and papers from London up to August 20 and the parcels up to August 13. There seems to be a lack of system somewhere as the paper mail of August 13 is not due till Saturday, two days after the mail of a week before!

"Post Office Busy Day.

Mails from three different places were expected to be ready for delivery this afternoon.

The first to arrive shortly before noon was the s.s. "Aki Maru" with the Australian mails.

The s.s. "President Pierce" with mails from the U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai was then reported to be getting alongside the Kowloon wharf.

The s.s. "Malwa" is expected to land a bumper collection of mails and parcels from Europe early in the afternoon.

Apart from the arrivals, the mail room staff at the G.P.O. have to despatch the mails by the outward bound "Empress of Russia" this afternoon—a not altogether easy task when speed is so essential.

GOOD NEWS.

PRATAS SHOAL STATION FUNCTIONING.

REGULAR MESSAGES.

The first official intimation of the putting in hand by the Chinese Government of work in connection with the installation of a radiotelegraphic station on the Pratas shoal was made to-day by the Director of the Observatory Royal, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, who also states that meteorological reports have been received twice daily since August 20.

Negotiations for the erection of such a typhoon warning station have been proceeding for many years, the delay being due to many causes, among them being the Revolution in China and the Great War.

According to information supplied by the Capt. of a Chinese Admiralty ship conveying building materials to Pratas a few weeks ago, the work of erection had not progressed far and the reports sent out from Pratas were on a field radio set.

NOT GOING.

HU HAN-MIN AND PEKING.

Vernacular papers confirm the news of the release of Hu Han-min (Wu Hon-man), the Kuomintang politician who was detained by the Whampoa Cadets. It is now stated that he is not inclined for visit Peking as one of a mission from the Canton Government. The impression is that he was [illegible] temporarily at Tsinan [illegible].

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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A. H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong 7th January, 1925.

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C. ATKIN,
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RUBBER SHARES.

SINGAPORE MARKET STEADY.

Some Sales Quotations.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received a cable from their Singapore friends notifying that the rubber share market is steady and quoting sales on the following stocks:—

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New Serendahs at $4.25.
[All Straits currency.]

INSURANCE NOTES.

A Prosperous Scottish Office.

The excellent progress made by the Life Association of Scotland during the past two or three years was well maintained in respect of the twelve months ended April 5, 1925. The total of net new assurances rose from £849,530 to £964,801, consisting of annual premiums to the extent of £34,704 and single premiums of £58,922, bringing the total premium income of the Association up to practically half a million. The increase here has been accompanied also by a gain in interest earnings, which have gone up from £257,910 to £264,551. The mortality experience was eminently satisfactory, being only 72 per cent. of expectations. Management expenses and commission were higher, the figure being £82,971 against £79,182 in the previous year, but the ratio of expenses to premium income was reduced from 18.2 to 16.6 per cent. As a result of operations the life fund was increased from £5,948,731 to £6,153,512.

Assets aggregate £6,341,682, of which £5,320,217 is invested in marketable securities. The sum placed in British Government securities is £1,543,764, that in railway and other debenture stock, both home and foreign, £1,073,012, that in Indian and Colonial Government issues £758,676, in Indian and Colonial Municipal securities £628,772 and in railway and other preference and guaranteed stocks £533,280. The great bulk of these investments figure in the balance sheet at or below market value, and the reserve which is thereby created forms a useful provision against market fluctuations. The rate of interest assumed in the valuation to be earned on the funds is 3 per cent. In respect of the last financial period the actual figure was £4 9s. 4d. per cent.

At the annual meeting the Chairman of the Association said that he considered the operations of the past year to have been particularly satisfactory, substantial progress having been made.

AFRICA.

Cocoa Production in the Gold Coast.

Cocoa is a commodity of which British West Africa accounts for nearly 50 per cent. of the total production. Last year the Gold Coast contributed 198,000 tons, and Nigeria 31,000 tons towards the combined shipments of cocoa from the British Colonies. Now the Gold Coast heads the list of producing countries. This is nothing less than a wonderful achievement when it is remembered that as lately as 1891, 80 lbs. of cocoa constituted the first shipment ever made from the Colony. It is interesting to note that the whole of the present enormous output is produced entirely from small holdings, there being no large plantations. The Government has, of course, done much to stimulate production by extending railway facilities and improving the roads for transport purposes. Last year marked the tercentenary of the introduction of cocoa into Europe, and its value as a food has become widely recognised there and in the United States. Steps are being taken to establish a Cocoa Planters' Association with the object of improving the quality and the means of distribution, and stimulating the demand. Cocoa is one of the very few foods which command a lower price to-day than before the War.

West Africa Timber.—First in importance among the various timbers exported from the Gold Coast and Nigeria is mahogany. The timber trade of West Africa has developed comparatively lately, it being about 35 years ago that shipments began to find their way to Europe. Now West African mahogany is widely recognized as one of the best mahoganies in the world, and it constitutes 75 per cent. of the world's supply. Great Britain [illegible]

TO REDUCE NATIONAL DEBT.

Residue of Baronet's £450,000 Estate.

A big bequest to the Treasury towards the reduction of "the National Debt incurred for the purposes of the recent war" is the outstanding feature of the will of the late Sir Wilson Mappin, of the famous Sheffield firm of Mappin and Webb.

Sir Wilson Mappin, who died on June 8, aged 77, was a J.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, the City of Sheffield and Derbyshire, a former chairman of the Sheffield Gas Company, and a liberal supporter of the hospitals, and other philanthropic institutions in Sheffield.

His estate, so far as at present can be ascertained, is of the gross value of £448,338.

He left legacies to many old servants, his moors at Moscar and White Path to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Withers, Thornbury estate and contents of the mansion to Lady Mappin for life, and at her death the trustees of the Mappin Art Gallery to have the choice of pictures.

After making certain provisions for Lady Mappin, his daughter, and other members of his family he left all the residue of his estate to go towards the reduction of the National Debt.

BAD TRADE.

Some Suggested Remedies.

Not long ago Mr. Stanley Machin, president of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, issued an invitation to all the constituent bodies of that organisation to acquaint him with their views as to the steps that should be taken to improve the industrial position.

There has been a surprisingly good response to this appeal, and Mr. Machin has been able to collate opinions from every part of the country. These have been embodied in a letter to the President of the Board of Trade, with the submission that prompt and drastic steps must be taken if we are to recover our position in the world's markets.

Among the means to this end it is said, that national expenditure must be cut down and a scheme for the settlement of Allied indebtedness on a fair basis brought about. Greater inducements should also be offered to migrants within the Empire, and the development of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates should be expedited.

Certain steps are also recommended in regard to wages and hours of labour in Britain, but it can hardly be said that these, if imposed, would tend to create that goodwill in industry which everyone so ardently desires.

P. I. LUMBER.

Shipments to America.

A fair increase in general exports of lumber to foreign countries was registered during the second quarter, this year, according to a lumber review given out by the bureau of forestry, which shows that 12,617,893 board feet valued at P1,089,027 were exported as against 11,880,034 board feet with a value of P1,000,357 during the first quarter.

The increase is believed largely due to an active market in the United States for high grade lumber and the giving of new markets for lower grades o Australia in conformity with the requirement of the Australian government.

The United States is shown as the largest consumer of our lumber with importation valued at P1,140,005; Australia running second with P833,906; Japan, P197,349; China, P175,540; Great Britain, P144,138 and all others, P40,570.

During the first six months this year, however, a decrease in the general exports of lumber was registered, there being only 24,447,416 board feet with a value of P2,092,454 exported as against 24,906,184 board feet valued at P2,128,397 exported during the first six months last year, or a decrease of P95,943.

In total lumber production for 33 mills, an increase of 294,440 board feet was registered in the first six months this year over the total production of 84,431,807 board feet during the first six months last year.

MONEYLENDERS.

Drastic proposals, which, if carried out, will draw the teeth of the money-lending sharks, have been made by Lord Darling's committee on money-lenders, which concluded its task. The committee recognise the need for bona-fide moneylenders, but war is being declared on unscrupulous usurers and a Bill to protect the public against them is already prepared.

The committee take the view that in no case should interest exceed 4 per cent. per month for a loan without security. The judge may, however, hold that only 5 per cent. per annum is reasonable.

Other recommendations of the committee are that touting circulars be prohibited; that all money-lenders be licensed; and that all proceedings with reference to money-lending transactions be taken in the county courts, thereby reducing the expense of such proceedings.

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			Sept. 3, 1925.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin—Ngau Mei Pa	牛尾杷	lb.	30	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	30	23	12
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	咸牛肉	"	34	23	20
" Roast—Shiu Ngau Yuk	燒牛肉	"	36	24	22
" Breast—Ngau Hung	牛胸	"	30	20	18
" Soup—Tong Yuk	湯肉	"	30	20	18
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	牛肉排	"	36	24	22
" Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lau	牛柳	"	55	30	35
" Sausages—Ngau Cheung	牛腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains—Ngau No	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	牛脷	each	80	50	60
" Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	咸牛脷	"	—	60	—
" Head—Ngau Tau	牛頭	"	—	—	$1.20
" Heart—Ngau Sam	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Chun	牛肩	"	30	20	18
" Feet—Ngau Keuk	牛脚	each	10	10	12
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail—Ngau Mei	牛尾	"	30	20	22
" Liver—Ngau Kon	牛肝	lb.	24	13	14
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	牛肚	"	6	6	7
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-tsai-tau-keuk	牛仔頭脚	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pei Kwat	羊排骨	lb.	55	26	—
" Leg—Yeung Pei	羊腿	"	55	26	—
" Shoulder—Yeung Kin	羊手	"	53	24	—
" Saddle—Yeung On Yuk	羊鞍肉	"	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings—Chu Chong	猪腸	"	35	—	27
" Brains—Chu No	猪腦	per set	3	—	12
" Feet—Chu Keuk	猪脚	lb.	18	15	—
" Fry—Chu Chap	猪什	"	30	15	18
" Head—Chu Tau	猪頭	"	24	20	—
" Heart—Chu Sam	猪心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys—Chu Yiu	猪腰	"	12	10	8
" Liver—Chu Kon	猪肝	lb.	43	30	24
Pork Chop—Chu Pai Kwat	猪排骨	"	38	25	23
" Leg—Chu Pei	猪腿	"	18	—	—
" Loin—Chu Hau Tun	猪後圈	"	32	28	27
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	猪油	"	22	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet—Yeung Tau-Keuk	羊頭脚	set	$1.00	60	70
" Heart—Yeung Sam	羊心	each	15	8	7
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	羊腰	"	18	12	10
" Liver—Yeung Kon	羊肝	"	55	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsai	乳猪	"	25	25	22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau	鮮牛油	"	36	20	18
" Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau	鮮羊油	"	55	26	24
Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk	牛仔肉	"	30	20	19
" Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
No. 1		"	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	鯇魚	lb.	24	19	24
Bream—Pin Yu	鯿魚	"	32	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	海鮮魚(廣東淡水魚)	"	30	18	16
Carp—Li Yu	鯉魚	"	—	16	27
Catfish—Chik Yu	鯽魚	"	—	12	9
Codfish—Mun Yu	鱈魚	"	32	20	25
Crabs—Hai	蟹	"	28	23	26
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	墨魚	"	24	16	2
Dab—Sha Mang Yu		"	45	23	16
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	黃尾鯉	"	28	10	9
Dog Fish—Tit To Sha	鐵肚沙	"	8	10	8
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	海鰻	"	42	16	—
" Fresh water—Tam Shui Yu	淡水魚	"	—	10	18
" Yellow—Wong Sin	黃鱔	"	—	26	80
Frogs—Tin Kai	田鷄	"	65	32	25
Garoupa—Shek Pan	石班	"	68	40	30
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	白鴿魚	"	16	18	15
Herrings—Tao Pak	鯊白	"	22	22	18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	鯉[illegible]	"	32	18	23
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	黃花魚	"	38	22	18
Loach—Wu Yu	[illegible]	"	72	22	24
Lobsters—Long Ha	龍蝦	"	30	32	21
Mackerel—Chi Yu	[illegible]	"	30	20	26
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	[illegible]	"	35	32	28
Mullet—Gai Yu	[illegible]	"	24	18	2
Oysters—Shang Ho	[illegible]	"	32	16	22
Perch—Kai Kung Yu	[illegible]	"	25	14	9
Perch—Tau Lo	[illegible]	"	32	20	16
Pike—Ya Pan Kong	[illegible]	"	18	19	9
Plaice—Pin Yu	[illegible]	"	40	23	14
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chang	[illegible]	"	32	28	29
Pomfret, White—Pak Chang	[illegible]	"	32	36	30
Prawns—Ming Ha	[illegible]	"	70	36	45
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	[illegible]	"	12	10	14
Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kung	[illegible]	"	28	18	18
Roach—Chan Yu	[illegible]	"	40	22	18
Salmon—Mi Yan	[illegible]	"	38	36	30
[illegible]	[illegible]	"	12	4	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

YEAR'S WORK.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY REPORT.

The following is the report of the Committee of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society for presentation at the annual general meeting to be held at the City Hall, on September 25:—

You Committee have pleasure in presenting to you the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended August 31, 1925. The balance at the credit of the Society now stands at Hongkong $2,909.37 to which must be added the sum of Straits $6,700.00 invested in 5½ per cent. Straits War Loan.

The Annual Ball was held in the City Hall, on November 28, St. Andrew's Day being a Sunday.

A Robert Burns Birthday dinner was held on January 23, at the Hongkong Hotel.

The sum of $1,402.32 was expended during the year in assisting distressed Scotsmen.

The "J. R. M. Smith" Scholarship was won by Miss Christina Allison of the Central British School.

Your Committee deeply regret to record the deaths of Messrs. John Bell-Irving, and M. A. J. Searle.

During the year 78 new members joined the Society and it is hoped members will continue to give their assistance by bringing forward new names.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. R. L. Moncrieff to whom our thanks are due.

The report is signed by Mr. J. Reid (President) and Mr. A. Ritchie (Hon. Secretary).

The accounts show that the subscriptions amounted to $1,326, which, together with interest and the $2,926.76 brought forward from last year, made a total on the General Account of $4,678.15. After deducting $1,402.32 spent in charities and $366.46 general disbursements, the year closed with a balance in current account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank of $2,909.37.

The Ball Account shows that last year's ball cost $11,152.45, which was met by subscriptions.

PRINCE'S ESCAPE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Buenos Aires, Sept. 16.

The Prince of Wales, who has just concluded a visit to Chile, where he met with an enthusiastic reception, began his eastward homeward journey at midnight. From Valparaiso, he changed to the Rockrail track in Los Andes and began the ascent of the snowbound Cordillera at dawn. A snowslide blocked the line only a few minutes before the Prince of Wales' train was due to reach the spot which the snow-plough and pilot engine preceding the Prince's train had passed shortly before. Consequently the royal train was compelled to return to Los Andes until the line is clear.

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 16.

The Prince of Wales is still at Los Andes, the Chilean terminus of the Trans-Andean railway, and undecided whether to return to Vina del Mar or re-attempt the crossing of the Andes. The pilot train which managed to reach Caracoles, but was cut off from the royal train by snow drifts, has returned to Juncal after some difficulty. Bad weather continues. Juncal lies at a height of 6,750 feet.

CAUSES OF WAR.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Sept. 16.

In the name of France M. Loucheur has made a proposal to the League of Nations Assembly that preparatory committees be appointed to prepare the work for an International Economic Conference in order to prevent war motives. The conference would enunciate general precepts and bring about a settlement between consumption and production under Government control.

M. Loucheur stated that owing to the fertility of its soil and the equilibrium between industrial and agricultural production, France is less seriously stricken than other nations by the uneasiness of trading exchanges, and has no direct interest in proposing such a resolution, but he believed it his own duty to interest the League in the great work, for he thought some such settlement would be right if it resulted in doing away with economic causes as war motives.

Milwaukee, September 16.—Mr. Robert La Follette, son of the late Senator, was nominated by a large majority over three candidates as Republican candidate for his father's seat in the Senate.—Reuter's American Service.

MOTORING CHARGE.

MR. ANDREW HARPER ACQUITTED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. Andrew Harper was acquitted on a charge of dangerous driving, the case being a sequel to the knocking down of a small Chinese girl and a coolie at Coronation Road on August 25. Expert evidence was given to the effect that the motor car was in good condition, but the evidence of the eye-witnesses the Magistrate considered to be unsatisfactory to warrant a conviction.

MOSCOW MENACE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Sept. 16.

In an interview given to the "Daily Graphic," Sir William Joynson Hicks said the authorities were closely watching "a quite definite attempt being made by those in closest touch with Moscow to destroy the British Constitution" and added that if necessary further powers would be sought to prosecute those preaching sedition.

FRANCE EXPELLING MILITANTS.

Paris, Sept. 16.

The Police are actively enquiring into the activities of foreign Communists in France and are arranging for the expulsion of ten Italians, one Spanish, and two Chinese militants.

TAME LABOUR CATS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON THEIR PURRING.

Mr. Lloyd George addressed a meeting at Cinderford in support of Mr. Harry West, the Liberal candidate in the Forest of Dean by-election, in which polling takes place.

Mr Purcell, the Labour candidate, was, Mr. Lloyd George said, too much even for the working men of Coventry. They put him out and he fled to Moscow, and now he was seeking the suffrages of moderate Labour in the Forest of Dean. He had brought the most moderate men in the Labour Party to speak for him.

"I can quite understand," continued Mr. Lloyd George, "the sort of letter his agent would write to headquarters. The letter would say, 'Keep away all his special pals. (Laughter and cheers.) Bolsheviks do not go down in the Forest of Dean. Keep away the Lansburys, who talked recently about a Soviet in England with the Government at Poplar. (Laughter.) Send us the tamest specimens you have got in the menagerie.' (Laughter and cheers.)

"And they have done. There is Mr. Clynes, the meekest statesman since Moses. (Laughter.) There is Mr. Arthur Henderson, who never delivers revolutionary speeches except they are from manuscript and are written for him by others; and there is Mr. F. O. Roberts, the most benevolent revolutionary since Robespierre. (Laughter and cheers.) All the tame cats have come down, and they have been purring so softly that it makes their audience think of the hearthstones and old folks. They have also taught Mr. Purcell to purr and blink. He has forgotten all about the screeching and yowling Russian forests, for the Forest of Dean is not the place to swallow such humbug."

Mr. Purcell, he continued, belonged to that section of the Labour Party which had done the most mischief in the coalfields in recent years. He and the extremists on the other side had swept away the moderate men—hence the trouble which was now being experienced.

Mr. Lloyd George remarked that if there had been men to deal with like Mr. Frank Hodges and others, the position would have been different, but men like Mr. Purcell wanted the moon. "Well, there is no coal in the moon," said Mr. Lloyd George, "and if men of that type get hold of England, it will be as desolate as that sterile orb."

New York, September 16.—State Senator, James Walker defeated the present Mayor of New York, Mr. Hylan, in the democratic primary for the election of a candidate for the mayoralty of New York. Mr. Frank D. Waterman was chosen as Republican candidate.—Reuter's American Service.

Little Jackie took the church collection very seriously, and every Sunday morning took care to have his penny ready. One day he noticed that a guest in the family pew was not duly provided. Sliding along the seat, he whispered, "Where's your penny?" "I didn't bring one," replied the man. "Then you can move on," [illegible] "Here, take mine and welcome, Joe, I'll [illegible]

QUACKS IN POLITICS.

MR. MACDONALD ON PUBLIC LIFE.

The Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, who received the hon. degree of Doctor of Laws from Edinburgh University was with other hon. graduands, a guest at a graduation dinner held at the University. Mr. G. K. Chesterton, who receives the same degree, was also present. The Principal (Sir Alfred Ewing) presided, and proposed the toast of the hon. graduands.

Mr. MacDonald said he was brought up to regard professors as being far more potent and honourable than kings, and to regard the gown of a D.D. or an LL.D. as something much more precious in its significance than the ermine robes of peers and other potentates. One of the reasons why universities existed was that we should not all be sandpapered pieces of humanity—that we should have individuality. But he was no scholar, he was not a university man, and, unlike Mr. Chesterton, he was very respectable. (Laughter.) He came to the conclusion that he was asked to speak on behalf of the medical faculty. He dealt with human ailments, with disease, with rickety bodies, and general debility. He wrote prescriptions—Acts of Parliament—like the doctor, for very often writing them in language that nobody understood. (Laughter.) He also belonged to what he might call the useful servants of the community, like medical men, who were divided really into three sections—old wives, quacks, and scientific gentlemen. He was afraid in politics, as in medicine, these three sections prevailed. He would not like to distribute his colleagues into the sections. Each could make his own choice, but the politician who did his work well must take up all their work—their work in biology, philosophy, psychology, and education—and, as he best could, co-ordinate the whole into a system of healing, of construction, of thought, and of faith; and, when he had done that, turn to the artistic mind and, so equipped, try to do his work in the humdrum, and too often difficult, circumstances in which he had to operate.

ABSENT JURORS.

REFORM OF SYSTEM ADVOCATED.

The illness of a juror in a case which was being tried at the Central Criminal Court before the Common Sergeant, says "The Times," has just caused great inconvenience, and has drawn attention, not for the first time, to a defect in our legal procedure. Where a member of the jury is taken ill in the course of a criminal trial it becomes necessary to begin the proceedings all over again, although they may have lasted for many days. In this particular case a fresh jury had to be sworn, and to them the Judge read his notes of the evidence—a practice which is not unquestioned by lawyers. There is a simple remedy, as the Common Sergeant pointed out. That is to detain in Court one or two men or women on the jury panel, so that the gap might be filled in the event of any mishap, and so that it might not be necessary practically to open a trial de novo through the absence of a juror. It appears that in the United States certain jurors who have heard the evidence are kept in reserve to avoid such a difficulty. That safeguard, no doubt, imposes an additional burden on citizens, but it is in the public interest, and it relieves the Courts of an unnecessary repetition of work. A reform in our jury system in this respect would need statutory authority. That, however, could easily be obtained in days when the Legislature has shown so much concern about the form and the administration of the law. It is obvious that jurors who are detained in reserve at the outset of a trial should be sworn. That, again, would involve no difficulty in procedure. Clearly there is here a case for reform in the present practice.

MURDER MOTIVE.

PROBLEM OF A GERMAN CRIME.

For some time past it has been noticeable that German courts trying criminal cases have been devoting more and more attention to the psychological aspect of the case, and that the mental specialist's report is accounted of more value than that of the police inspector. An entirely new precedent has been created in a murder trial of peculiarly revolting nature. Counsel for the defence demands the expert opinion of the Swiss psycho-analyst, Professor Herbert, of the University of Berne, and the request has been acceded to. It is hoped that the theories of Professor Herbert will help to explain the "psychological riddle" which at present confounds the court, and elucidate the momentary madness and dual personality of an eight-fold assassin who, in view of his religious and sober habits, might otherwise easily be declared sane.

Another interesting detail in connection with the trial is the evidence of the family of one of the victims, a gardener's apprentice, who is declared to have dreamed of his fate the night before.

While these unprobed depths of the human mind are being threshed out in the provinces, Berlin has had the curious experience of seeing her leading investigators in the realms of psychological research, Professors Moll and Dessoir, giving evidence in a libel case brought by an unpaid medium who attacked the former for defamation of character. The men of science do not believe that three bracelets which found their way mysteriously to people's arms during a spiritualist seance were placed there by other than human means. The leading conjurors of the day are being called as experts in the case, which the most learned criticism defines as being "of platonic value only "to the interests of occultism in general.

It was an American tourist's first visit to Edinburgh, and he made numerous inquiries of an old native of the town regarding places of interest. After the old man had satisfied his thirst for knowledge in regard to things romantic and historic, he inquired:—"Say, when do you have summer in this old town?" "Well, I'm no' verra sure," replied the Scotsman thoughtfully, "but last year it was on a Wednesday."

Little brother (in audible whisper): "Wouldn't it be more exciting, auntie, if they christened babies like they do ships, by cracking them over the nose with a bottle?"

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SEKKOW MARU ...Tuesday, 15th September
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AMUR MARU ...Friday, 18th September.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
TAIKWA MARU ...Thursday, 17th Sept., at Noon
KAIJO MARU ...Sunday, 20th Sept., at 2 p.m.
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SILVER BRIDE.

USHERS' PART IN A WEDDING.

A rather awed but smiling bride in a glittering silver dress, her train of silver lace carried by two little silver-clad pages, walked in the midst of a long and colourful procession to the altar at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

She was Miss Pauline Stanbury, the 19-years-old daughter of Mrs. C. B. Stanbury, of Belsize-park, N.W., and she was married to Mr. Norman Bailey Woolworth, aged 24, of New York.

A large crowd, mostly women and girls, had gathered, and after the ceremony the couple's motor-car was surrounded by women who rushed through the ranks of the police to catch a last glimpse of the silver bride.

There were eight bridesmaids, whose dresses were of the same design, but of different delicate pastel colours. Two of them came specially from the United States. Leading the bridesmaids came a Maid of Honour, an English friend of the bride.

Walking behind were nine frock-coated young men; the leader was the best man, and the rest were ushers, and all were friends of the bridegroom at Yale University, and had crossed the ocean to see him married.

At the altar steps the best man and the eight ushers ranged themselves in a line from the bridegroom's side on the right, and on the left the Maid of Honour and the bridesmaids completed a fan-shaped formation.

A feature of the service, which was conducted by Canon Carnegie and the Rev. H. M. M. Hackett, of St. Peter's, Belsize-park, was the singing of Stainer's, Sevenfold Amen.

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom passed out of the church at the head of a procession in which the bridesmaids walked arm-in-arm with the ushers.

SHOT DEAD.

CHICAGO HOLD-UP DRAMA.

New York, Thursday.

A gang of five robbers invaded the fashionable Drake Hotel at Chicago shot and killed a clerk, mortally injured the cashier, and fled with £2,000, pursued by the police, who shot and killed two of their number and captured the third. In the scramble of the robbers to get away a taxicab driver was rendered unconscious by a blow on the head from a revolver wielded by one of the fugitives, and a policeman was shot through the hand. The robbery and the chase were among the most spectacular in the long and spectacular history of Chicago crime. The hold-up men made their way quietly to the third floor of the hotel, where the cashier's office is situated, rounded up all the employees at the pistol point, and marched them into a room. A plucky girl on the end of the line slammed the door in the face of the "Texas Court" gang. The leader, Court, infuriated by the action, fired several shots through the door, and turning, fired point blank at Frank Rodke, a clerk, who came running up, and killed him. By this time the police had been summoned and the bandits made a rush for the street, and in the exchange of shots Carl Anderson, the cashier, fell with a bullet through his abdomen. Court received a bullet through the shoulder. John Todd, one of the robbers, was felled with a pistol butt as he emerged from the hotel, and Court fell dead under a withering fire from the police. Three of the robbers reached a taxicab, but, after an exciting chase and a running fire of shots through the crowded streets, they were forced to abandon it when Nels Neilson, who was driving, received a bullet through the head. The two remaining thieves carrying the booty jumped into the crowd and made good their escape. In the desperate chase along the fashionable boulevard the robbers leaped from seized cars and seized others, while the policemen commandeered passing motors and gave chase.

BARBER'S ROMANCE.

Mr. John Szentpetery, a Hungarian barber who was living in great distress in Eger, North-Eastern Hungary, has received news from the United States that he is heir to a fortune of over $100,000,000 (£20,000,000). The testator was Major Dobossy, a hero of the Hungarian revolution of 1848, and aide-de-camp to Kossuth. After the collapse of the revolution Dobossy fled to the United States, where he engaged in various commercial enterprises and amassed a huge fortune, which, on his death, went to his sister. The latter died recently, and the barber, as sole survivor of the family, becomes the heir-at-law. Mr. Szentpetery received the news of the unexpected windfall with perfect equanimity. He declared to Press representatives that he was aware of the existence of his rich relation. Being an old man, he could not expect to enjoy his fortune for long, and he derived most satisfaction from the fact that a considerable amount of stable foreign currency would come into Hungary.

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20.—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru
21.—D. L. Haiching
22.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong
24.—C. N. Yingchow
26.—O.S.K. Kotsu Maru
Oct. 4.—J.C.J.L. Tjitrini

FOOCHOW.
Sept. 21.—D. L. Haiching

NORTH CHINA.
Sept. 22.—J.C.J.L. Tjisalak.

SHANGHAI.
Sept. 18.—P. & O. Malwa
18.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
18.—P. & O. Soudan
21.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
21.—J.C.J.L. Tjikarang.
22.—C. N. Yingchow
22.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong
22.—J.C.J.L. Tjisalak
22.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
22.—N.Y.K. Tsushima Maru
26.—I.C.S.N. Kumsang
30.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison.
30.—N.Y.K. Delagoa Maru
Oct. 2.—P. & O. Khiva
2.—C.P.S. Empress of A'lia.
2.—P. & O. Sicilia.
4.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
9.—B. B. Isle de Panay
10.—L. T. Rosandra
12.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
12.—L. T. Silvo Pellico
17.—B. I. Garbeta
19.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Nov. 1.—P. & O. Kalyan
1.—P. & O. Delta
3.—T.K.K. Korea Maru
10.—L. T. Nippon
12.—L. T. Persia
15.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
17.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru
18.—P. & O. Soudan.
30.—B. B. Legazpi
Dec. 10.—L. T. Viminale

TAKAO.
Sept. 14.—O.S.K. Kotsu Maru
Oct. 26.—O.S.K. Batavia Maru

KEELUNG.
Sept. 10.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
26.—O.S.K. Batavia Maru
Oct. 2.—N.Y.K. Shidzuoka Maru

TIENTSIN.
Sept. 22.—I.C.S.N. Chinshing

OSAKA AND SINGAPORE.
Sept. 1.—C. N. Kingyuan.

HAIPHONG.
Sept. 18.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

HOIHOW.
Sept. 18.—C. N. Kingyuan

SINGAPORE.
Sept. 18.—C. N. Kingyuan
Oct. 6.—O.S.K. Alaska Maru
18.—B. B. Isle de Panay
Dec. 19.—B. B. Legazpi

MANILA.
Sept. 12.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
27.—U.S.S.B. Oakridge
28.—B. B. Isle de Panay
30.—B. & S. Changte
Oct. 4.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson.
7.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia.
13.—H.A.L. Muensterland
13.—U.S.S.B. West Jessup
16.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
21.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada
Dec. 19.—B. B. Legazpi.

CEBU & ILOILO.
Sept. 27.—U.S.S.B. Oakridge
Oct. 13.—U.S.S.B. West Jessop

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Sept. 18.—I.C.S.N. Suisang
30.—B. I. Tilawa
Oct. 2.—I.C.S.N. Laisang
9.—B. I. Talamba
9.—N.Y.K. Muroran Maru
12.—I.C.S.N. Hosang
25.—O.S.K. Seattle Maru
30.—B. I. Talma

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO VIA STORE & PENANG.
Sept. 24.—P. & O. Nagpore
24.—O.S.K. Indo Maru
26.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
23.—N.Y.K. Tenyoku Maru
Oct. 6.—O.S.K. Alaska Maru
10.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru.
14.—P. & O. Soudan
23.—B. B. Isle de Panay
Dec. 19.—B. B. Legazpi

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE VIA M'LA & SANDAKAN.
Sept. 23.—N.Y.K. Tango Maru
30.—B. & S. Changte.
Oct. 6.—E. & A. Arafura
21.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru
Nov. 4.—E. & A. St. Albans

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Sept. 19.—J.C.J.L. Gorgistan
20.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong
20.—J.C.J.L. Tjisalak
27.—Nanyo Y.K. Cheribon Maru
24.—J.C.J.L. Tjikarang
30.—J.C.J.L. Bengkalis
Oct. 3.—J.C.J.L. Tjibesar
6.—J.C.J.L. Tjikini

JAPAN PORTS.
Sept. 18.—P. & O. Soudan
18.—P. & O. Malwa.
18.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
18.—N.Y.K. Amur Maru
10.—B. I. Talamba
21.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
22.—N.Y.K. Hakozaki Maru
22.—N.Y.K. Tsushima Maru
22.—N.Y.K. Seattle Maru
26.—I.C.S.N. Kumsang.
26.—B. I. Talma
28.—J.C.J.L. Tjibesar
29.—Nanyo Y.K. Samarang Maru
30.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
30.—N.Y.K. Delagoa Maru
Oct. 2.—C.P.S. Empress of A'lia
4.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
9.—B. B. Isle de Panay.
10.—L. T. Rosandra
12.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson.
12.—L. T. Silvo Pellico
15.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
17.—B. I. Garbeta.
18.—U.S.S.B. Oakridge
19.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Nov. 3.—T.K.K. Korea Maru
10.—L. T. Nippon
12.—L. T. Persia
17.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru
30.—B. B. Legazpi
Dec. 10.—L. T. Viminale

HONOLULU.
Oct. 4.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
19.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Nov. 17.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru

SAN FRANCISCO.
Sept. 18.—P. Line Pres. Pierce
29.—P. Line Pres. Polk
Oct. 4.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru.
10.—P. Line Pres. Taft
19.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Nov. 17.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru

SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES.
Sept. 21.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
Nov. 3.—T.K.K. Korea Maru

PORTLAND.
Oct. 13.—U.S.S.B. Oakridge

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, AND SEATTLE.
Sept. 18.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
26.—B. F. Acadiles
30.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
Oct. 2.—N.Y.K. Shidzuoka Maru
3.—C.P.S. Empress of A'lia
10.—B. F. Protesilaus
17.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
18.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia

VALPARAISO.
VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO SAN PEDRO, SALINO CRUZ, BALBOA CALLAO, ARICA & IQUIQUE.
Oct. 17.—T.K.K. Anyo Maru
Nov. 28.—T.K.K. Bokuyo Maru

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Oct. 5.—O.S.K. Shinko Maru
(VIA SUEZ.)
Sept. 19.—B. I. Malvernian
27.—B. F. Tencer
30.—P. L. Gaelic Prince
Oct. 6.—D. & Co. Bowes Castle
7.—B. L. Walton Hall
19.—B. F. Burglochus
28.—B. B. Isle de Panay
Nov. 1.—B. L. Forresbank
Dec. 19.—B. B. Legazpi

BUENOS AIRES VIA CAPETOWN.
Oct. 15.—O.S.K. Hawaii Maru

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Oct. 28.—B. B. Isle de Panay
Dec. 19.—B. B. Legazpi

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.
Sept. 30.—L. T. Duchessa D'Aosta
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Dec. 1.—L. T. Nippon
31.—L. T. Viminale

GENOA.
Oct. 5.—B. F. Medon
14.—N. L. Pfalz
20.—B. F. Jason
Nov. 1.—B. F. Ajax
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14.—N. L. Trier
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Oct. 5.—B. F. Medon
10.—B. F. Jason
27.—E. L. City of Cambridge

MARSEILLES.
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Sept. 19.—P. & O. Khyber
12.—B. F. Eumaeus
26.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
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Oct. 3.—P. & O. Karmala
6.—B. F. Helenus
10.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru
3.—M. M. Porthos
17.—P. & O. Malwa
21.—B. F. Hector
27.—M. M. D'Artagnan
31.—P. & O. Khiva
Nov. 1.—M. M. Angkor
18.—B. F. Sarpedon
21.—M. M. Augers
Dec. 6.—B. F. Patroclus

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Oct. 5.—B. F. Medon
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Sept. 28.—E. A. Australien

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Oct. 13.—B. F. Astyanax

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Oct. 14.—N. L. Pfalz
Nov. 14.—N. L. Trier
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"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	8,812	28th Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"KHIVA"	9,135	31st Oct.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	14th Nov.	Marseilles and London
"KALYAN"	9,144	28th Nov.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,985	10th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,911	12th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	26th Dec. 1925	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	9th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KARMALA"	9,128	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	9th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	20th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

*"ARAFURA"	8,000	6th Oct.	Manila, Iloilo, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Nov.	
"TANDA"	8,958	2nd Dec.	
"ARAFURA"	8,000	6th Jan.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	20th Sept.	Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Sept.	Kobe
"KHIVA"	9,135	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,812	2nd Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,902	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"GARSETA"	5,387	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	8,958	7th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,911	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	28th Nov.	do.
"SOUDAN"	8,696	28th Nov.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Dec. 1925	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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Oct. 4.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tjikini

FROM SHANGHAI.

Sept. 21.—J.O.J.L. ..... Tjikarang
21.—A.O.L. ..... Pres. Madison
Oct. 10.—N. L. ..... Dessau
Nov. 7.—N. L. ..... Cottbus

FROM JAVA.

Sept. 19.—J.C.J.L. ..... Gorslaten
20.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tjilwong
20.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tjisalak
30.—J.C.J.L. ..... Rogano

FROM SINGAPORE.

Sept. 18.—P. & O. ..... Soudan
18.—B. I. ..... Talamba
21.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tjikarang
30.—B. F. ..... Rhexenor
Oct. 13.—B. F. ..... Barpedon
15.—B. F. ..... Pyrrhus
17.—B. F. ..... Ningchow
23.—B. F. ..... Agrestus
27.—B. F. ..... Troilus
29.—P. & O. ..... Sicilia.
Nov. 6.—B. F. ..... Glaucus
10.—B. F. ..... Patroclus
21.—B. F. ..... Eurybates
23.—B. F. ..... Ixion
28.—B. F. ..... [illegible]

FROM JAPAN.

Sept. 21.—A.O.L. ..... Pres. Madison
28.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tjiberar

FROM BOMBAY.

Oct. 1.—P. & O. ..... Sicilia
Nov. 27.—P. & O. ..... Soudan
Jan. 8.—P. & O. ..... Delta.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Sept. 18.—B. I. ..... Talamba
25.—B. I. ..... Talma

FROM MANILA.

Sept. 20.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tjilwong
26.—P. & O. Line ..... Pres. Pierce
21.—A.O.L. ..... Pres. Madison
Oct. 13.—C.P.S. ..... Empress of Asia
28.—C.P.S. ..... Empress of Canada

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Oct. 9.—E. & A. ..... St. Albans.
Nov. 6.—B. I. ..... Tanda.
Dec. 11.—E. & A. ..... Arafura
Jan. 8.—E. & A. ..... St. Albans.
Feb. 5.—B. I. ..... Tanda
Mar. 12.—E. & A. ..... Arafura
Apr. 9.—E. & A. ..... St. Albans

FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER

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23.—C.P.S. ..... Empress of Asia

FROM LONDON.

Sept. 20.—G. L. ..... Glenshane
29.—G. L. ..... Glenapp
Oct. 1.—P. & O. ..... Khiva
10.—N. L. ..... Dessau
15.—G. L. ..... Carmarthenshire
18.—P. & O. ..... Mantua
23.—P. & O. ..... Macedonia
30.—P. & O. ..... Kalyan
Nov. 1.—G. L. ..... Glenlince
12.—G. L. ..... Carnarvonshire
13.—P. & O. ..... Morea
13.—P. & O. ..... Kashmir
29.—G. L. ..... Glenbeg
27.—P. & O. ..... Kashgar
Dec. 11.—P. & O. ..... Macedonia
25.—P. & O. ..... Khyber
Jan. 8.—P. & O. ..... Malwa.

FROM SUEZ.

Sept. 19.—B. F. ..... Wachsan
28.—B. F. ..... Tantalus

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Sept. 19. ..... Haison
21.—N.Y.K. ..... Hakozaki Maru
24.—J.C.J.L. ..... Tosjkerk
29.—H.A.L. ..... Oldenburg
Oct. 10.—N. L. ..... Trier
18.—J.C.J.L. ..... Onderkerk
Nov. 7.—N. L. ..... Saarbruecken
Dec. 5.—N. L. ..... Coblenz

FROM MARSEILLES.

Sept. 29.—M. M. ..... D'Artagnan
Oct. 13.—M. M. ..... Angkor
27.—M. M. ..... Anvers

FROM HAMBURG.

Oct. 10.—N. L. ..... Trier
Nov. 7.—N. L. ..... Saarbruecken
Dec. 5.—N. L. ..... Coblenz
Jan. 2.—N. L. ..... Arbalt
30.—N. L. ..... Fulda
Feb. 27.—N. L. ..... Derfflinger
Mar. 27.—N. L. ..... Trier
Apr. 24.—N. L. ..... Saarbruecken

FROM COPENHAGEN.

Oct. 15.—E. A. ..... Java
Nov. 15.—E. A. ..... Afrika
Dec. 10.—E. A. ..... Malaya

The conversation had become almost exhausted when the host, a man of literary tastes, asked Ikey his opinion of Omar Khayyam. The Jew hesitated a moment. "Ye-yes," he replied, "it is very good, but I think I prefer sherry." On the way home Mo took his friend to task. "Say, Ikey," he said, "you put your foot in it properly to-night. When you're asked anything you don't understand, you should keep quiet and leave it to me. You ought to know that Omar Khayyam ain't a wine, it's a cheese."

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Mr. W. T. Hodge, chief officer, "Shuntien," has gone acting master, "Hupeh."

Mr. F. Bennett, sup'y second officer, "Kweichow," is on leave.

Mr. J. W. Ridley, second engineer, "Wuhu," is on leave.

Mr. S. Rumbrick, third engineer, "Wenchow," has gone second engineer, "Wuhu."

Mr. D. Ruxton, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Wuhu."

Mr. V. Petherick, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Hinsang."

Captain T. Croft, from leave, has gone master, "Mansang."

Mr. J. Rees, third officer, "Wosang," has gone third officer, "Feoshing."

Mr. G. Clark, second officer, "Kwaisang," has gone acting chief officer, "Hosang."

Mr. J. Turbyne, chief officer, "Hosang," is on leave.

Mr. A. C. Newton, from leave, has gone sup'y second officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Funsang."

Mr. B. E. Bidwell, chief officer, "Funsang," is on reserve.

Mr. C. Bailey, second officer, "Haiyang," is on leave.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, acting chief officer, "Haiping," has gone second officer, "Haicheng."

Mr. O. C. Dulziel, sup'y second officer, "Haining," has gone sup'y second officer, "Haicheng."

Mr. R. H. Rule, chief officer, "Loretan," has gone acting master, "Seistan."

Captain W. R. Reynolds of the "Seistan," has left the Coast.

Mr. A. McInnes, second officer, "Paldia," has gone chief officer, same ship.

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The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" from Hongkong arrived London on Sept. 15 at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" Capt. A. J. Holland R.N.R. Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki Kobe and Yokohama, at 5 p.m. to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singapore for this port on Sept. 12 at 10.30 a.m. with the outward English Mails and is due here to-day.

The B. I. s.s. "Talamba" left Singapore for this port on Sept. 14 at p.m. and is due here to-morrow at about p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" left Singapore for this port on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. and is due here to-morrow at about at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" which sailed from Hongkong on Sept. 4, sailed from Yokohama on Sept. 12 and is due at Vancouver on Sept. 21.

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TANGO MARU ..... Wednesday, 23rd Sept., at 11 a.m.
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MAYEBASHI MARU ..... Monday, 14th September.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.

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TOYOAKA MARU ..... Monday, 28th September.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
MURORAN MARU ..... Friday, 9th October.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU ..... Thursday, 17th September.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
HOKOZAKI MARU ..... Tuesday, 22nd September.
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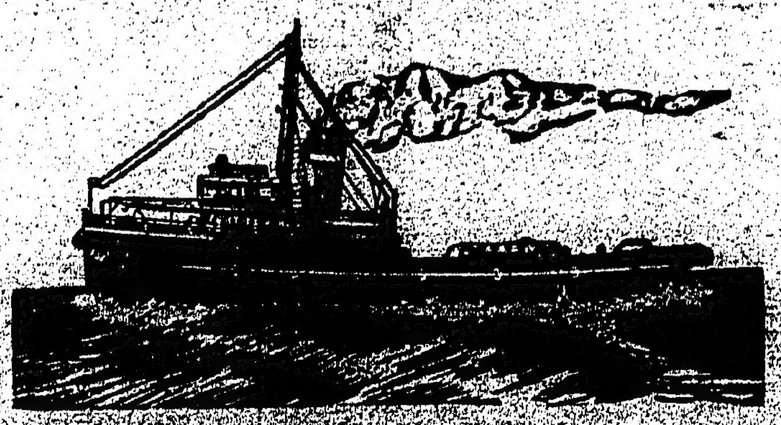

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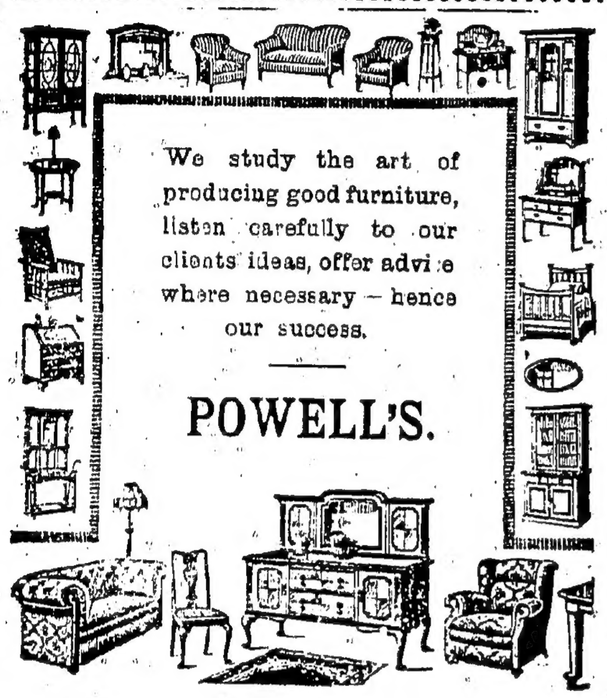

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LOCAL SHARES.

One thing has become increasingly plain since the series of events culminating in the closing of the local share market, namely that a very large majority of buyers could not meet their liabilities should the market be opened at present without assistance. If any further proof is needed, one has only to consider the "sacrifice" prices realised for their scrip by those who have been under the necessity of selling at whatever price they can realise —in fact the depreciation on the value of shares since June 22 amounts (we have it on very good authority) to over a hundred million dollars. The question thus arises as to (1) the desirability of outside assistance; and (2) what form, if at all, such assistance should take. Entire repudiation of contracts the Government rightly regarded as undesirable and now the Chamber of Commerce has turned down a scheme, which it is known the Government favoured, for prohibiting carriers of shares from selling them within a stated period at less than the flat rates established by the Stock Exchange for the June and subsequent settlements. The Government will abide by this decision and the only courses open for them to adopt now are those dictated by the view either that (a) stock transactions can be carried on successfully without the medium of an exchange; (b) conceding the desirability of stock exchanges, the withholding of assistance would lead, as a result of the inexorable working of the law of the survival of the fittest, to a more stable stock exchange community; (c) the present situation would be best met by the granting of a loan or subsidy. The adoption of (a) would be to act contrary to economic law and practice which has established that a stock exchange benefits industry by encouraging people to invest who would otherwise be unable or unwilling to do so, and by enabling the banks to keep part of their resources in an easily realisable form. The adoption of a policy in conformity with (b), again, would lead to the indefinite postponement of the opening of the share market, continuance of the present restriction of credit and (now that the scheme for protection has been turned down) hardship in individual cases where carriers of shares (whether banks or individuals) foreclose on such shares, sell at present rates and hold their clients responsible for a difference which in the present state of the share market few could make good. Finally, there is the possibility of granting a subsidy, and in this connection it is reported that the Government has already been approached for a very considerable sum. The argument which most naturally arises in connection with such a possibility is "why should aid be granted to one section of the community only and not be made general?" There is a certain amount of force in the counter-argument advanced by the broker (an interview with whom appears in our news columns) that assistance has already been given native banks and piecegoods dealers. But this still leaves one wondering why brokers and buyers should be added to the favoured few any more than any other section of the business community.

FINANCE PROBLEMS.

The Government is an unenviable position not of its own seeking. Its hands are tied and it cannot deal directly with a situation that seems almost baffling. To add to its difficulties is the predominating problem of finance. The share market is stagnant with arrears of settlements. Trade and commerce are practically moribund, and the land boom has come to an end. Property owners cry aloud for help and join their voices with those of Chinese merchants. It is the Chinese principally who cry aloud for help, making the situation more difficult. If there is anything to be said in favour of those Chinese making appeal for help, it is that the Government has, in the main derived a large measure of its income directly from Chinese sources. The proportion of Chinese to foreigners who have operated on the share market is so large as to justify the assertion that thousands of dollars in stamp duties must have been paid by Chinese. Hongkong being practically a free port, the Chinese merchant class have probably contributed little to the Government's revenue—at any rate in the way of taxation. Buyers of land and owners of property bulk largely in the books of the Colony. In view of this, but also in of the fact that our troubles are of Chinese making, can it be said that any of these classes are entitled to consideration and practical support? Is there a moral right involved? The question is a big and momentous one. The Government has already been instrumental in arranging a loan of a considerable sum to Chinese banks. Has that sum been paid to the foreign banks who loaned it? Foreign banks have been criticised for holding tight to their cash. We do not remember reading any clear arguments against their line of action, and doubtless they have good reasons to back up their attitude. Although there is silence on this great question it is to be assumed that the Government knows its own mind; has taken the advice to be had at its doors, and knows what it intends to do. None the less we should welcome some announcement on the subject.

THEY SAY THAT—

"It is not only mental, but even physical, health which is at stake; 'economy' in education is very liable to be economy in the height and girth of the children of this generation and the men and women of the next. Let 'waste' by all means be avoided, but we must get out of the habit of regarding expenditure on education as of one type with expenditure on armaments; the latter may be an insurance, but the first is an investment.

"And it is an investment in what is at once the best of all forms of a nation's capital—the character and ability of its citizens—and is also one that bears fruit not only in the earthly kingdom, but in the Kingdom of God."

—THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

The ghosts of long ago—laid and buried, as you fancied, years and years since—they are travelling with you still, a ghastly company. While you drive in your carriage along life's smoothest roads, or pace, footsore and weary, over the flinty by-paths of existence, past events are skipping on beside you, mocking, jeering at your profound self-delusion. Shall fleet steeds leave them behind? Shall liveried servants keep them at bay? Nay, invisible now, they shall be visible some day; voiceless, they shall yet find tongues; despised, they shall rear their heads and hiss at you; forgotten, they shall reappear with more strength than at their first birth.

MRS. J. H. RIDDELL.

There is a set of people whom I cannot bear—the pinks of fashionable propriety, whose every word is precise, and whose every movement is unexceptionable; but who, though versed in all the categories of polite behaviour, have not a particle of soul or cordiality about them. We allow that their manners may be abundantly correct. There may be elegance in every gesture, and gracefulness in every position; not a smile out of place, and not a step that would not bear the measurement of the closest scrutiny. That is all very fine; but what I want is the heart and gaiety of social intercourse; the frankness that spreads ease and animation around it. That is what I conceive to be the virtue of the text, and not the sickening formality of those who walk by rule.

CHALMERS.

There is a certain charm about great superiority of intellect that winds into deep affections which a much more constant and even amiability of manners in lesser men often fails to reach. Genius makes many enemies, but it makes sure friends—friends who forgive much, who endure long, who exact little; they partake of the character of disciples as well as friends. There lingers about the human heart a strong inclination to look upward—to revere; in this inclination lies the source of religion, of loyalty, and also of the worship and immortality which are rendered so cheerfully to the great of old.

LORD LYTTON.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

IN BONDAGE. Those Hongkong people who rail at and about their servants may take comfort from the bondage in which the late Anatole France was in to his servant—a Frenchwoman named Josephine. She ruled him like a rod of iron; and his soul—Anatole was, the Shreds man believes, a Rationalist, so had no soul!—was not his own. She could never comprehend why it was folk came a-bothering for bits of the Master's handwriting. "It's a scrawl," she would say. "He's so clumsy. Why, he spends all his time scratching out and beginning again. Ah, yes! What's the muddle he makes worth compared to my poor boy's letters: you shall see. And to think there are people who come to ask *him* for his handwriting!"

"Dawn is the great friend of the muses" was the motto Anatole France once impressed on his young secretary, at the same time bidding him to be on hand for work early next morning. At 7 a.m., M. Brousson is knocking at the door of the Villa Said. Presently it is opened by Josephine.

"Hush! He's still asleep," she says as she puts a sly finger on her lips.

"The Master?"

The word "Master" puts the maid in a fury.

"Master! Master! What's wrong with them all, to call him Master? Master of what, if you please? Of his soup when he's eaten it. Supposing he keeps it down, too! A fine Master, indeed! If I weren't there, he wouldn't be capable of so much as changing his pants."

Such is greatness!

CONTINUED. Anatole France, says his late Secretary in his amusing book, takes his place at the massive oak table in the great adjustable arm chair. He tinkles a little church bell. Enter Josephine, in a flurry.

"Bring in the sack."

The servant returns dragging a sort of mattress after her.

"Leave it on the carpet. Do you know what that is, my young friend? That is the manuscript of 'Joan of Arc.' There must be well over a hundred-weight of it. Burn it, tear it to pieces, blue-pencil it. I don't want to look at it. This Maid is too much for me."

This morning he (Antole France) is full of youthful enthusiasm. He dashes through his toilet, abbreviates his ablutions, buttons his boots himself.

He is ready. We descend the staircase on tiptoe. He opens the door with the precaution of a lover or a burglar.

"Don't wake the harpy, squatting in her basement."

He strides in haste down the steps of the porch, and rushes towards the avenue. Suddenly a doorway opens behind us and a voice barks:

"Sir! where are you going, sir?"

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He redoubles his pace.

"Let us fly! Under colour of taking care of me that wench makes me a laughing-stock. Recently in the presence of ten persons, she wanted me to change my pants! Vanity—all her zeal is vanity. She brandishes my shirt or my vest, as it were a flag in a demonstration. She wants to show every one that she is as vigilant as I am ingenious. A great danger threatens me. I often long to throttle her. Ah, if we could only find a cab!"

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Despite her age, Josephine has legs like a stag. Anatole France has stopped, out of breath. We were already at the gate amid a crowd of idlers when the imperious maid-servant seized the immortal by the tails of his coat. She drags him back like a goat to the Villa Said calling the passers-by to witness:

"Wanted to slip off, did he, without changing his shirt? And it's I who get the blame from Madame."

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Antole France says nothing, but lifts his eyes to heaven. He makes a gesture of some fakir refusing to fight against destiny.

We are back in the bedroom, and start the toilet afresh. Each article of clothing serves as the pretext for fresh reproaches.

"Why have you got on those boots? You should wear your patent leather ones to-day? And these striped trousers? That waistcoat won't do at all."

At last he is dressed. His tie is neatly tied. Josephine feels pockets big and small, one by one.

"Have you got money? Your pocketbook? Your watch? Your keys? Your handkercief? Ah, and your spectacles? Where are your spectacles?"

LARGE-HEARTED. It is a really large-hearted man who advertises in the Personal Column:—

Many HAPPY RETURNS of this day to all the BROWNES in the World.—ONE OF THEM WHOSE NATAL DAY IT IS.

The idea suggest immense possibilities. The Browns (without an e) should follow suit and the Jones' also. It somehow suffuses warmth and dispels the sombre figure of loneliness. Think of a Brown at the North Pole or Timbuctoo realising that there are others of his name still alive and feeling kindly towards him.

CROSSING THE EUPHRATES.

Ever since we left Aintab the path had been falling insensibly towards a purple hollow, far seen in the east. Beyond it interminable brown uplands rolled to the horizon, and all about us stretched stony scrub. Through this we rode hour after hour at that weary foot pace which travellers in such regions know only too well. Anxiously we looked for a glint of water to left or right or before, for between us and those brown slopes ran the fourth river of Paradise; but up to midday and for two hours after noon the arid monotony continued unrelieved. The track seemed to have ceased to fall and even to be taking an upward cast again, when lo! the table-land broke abrupt, as if cut with a giant's hatchet; a sliding arc of brown water gleamed a thousand feet below us—Euphrates at last.

As we scrambled down the cliff a mighty roar rose up to meet us. The great river was in spate, sweeping round a majestic curve from the north and vanishing on a contrary curve to the south; a fuller, broader Rhine. It rushed six miles an hour between towering banks which had weathered to fantastic pinnacles, and displayed a hundred meters' breadth of turbid flood, boiling in mid-stream over sunken rocks. It is no child's play to cross it at any season, and least of all when the snows are coming down; but cross we must if we were to go north, for on the right bank we should encounter presently a great tributary, unfordable, and without ferry or bridge.

A single boat of strange build was moored to the bank opposite beneath the gardens of a little white town built terrace-wise up the precipice. We hobbled hastily, and one by one a crew leisurely mustered. The boat was manned, shoved off, and whirled away incontinently out of our sight down the seething current. Evidently no more would be seen of her for an hour or more, and we lunched at leisure until a knock at the bare-legged Kurds hove in sight labouring at a rope's end, and we were bidden follow half a mile up stream. The boat was a primitive craft, nearly flat-bottomed and very broad in the beam, her planks nailed clinkerwise on a spare framework, abhorrent of any symmetry of shape or disposition. Square low bows admitted of the embarkation of horses, and the stern ended in a high poop and antediluvian rudder, which projected its monstrous fish-tail far into the stream. No instruments of propulsion were visible except two poles, assuredly not for purposes of punting in so deep a river. Our horses had never seen a boat; but being fortunately less imaginative than the steeds of Europe, and somewhat irresponsive to outward impressions after a fortnight on the hard high road, they came in over the bows without much ado, and were [illegible] up head to tail with a stout rope behind. As the tub took in her load she began to leak ominously, but the crew made little of it, plugged a seam here and there with the end of a turban-cloth, and advised us to stand as high as we could. Now we are ready. Two men seize the poles and two more the tiller, the shoreman pays out the rope, everybody shouts, and away we swing down stream, the leakage swishing across and across the horses' hoofs. The bowmen leg frantically at their bladeless poles, using them as oars and obviously with effect; the men at the rudder work its tail from side to side like a stern-oar, yelling all the while above the screams of the stallions. Round comes the tiller; down duck our heads. . . . We must hang on the gunwale like hate our toes drawn up out of reach of the plunging hoofs. . . . But before we had collected ourselves to think about danger, we were running in a back eddy and brought up with a bump against the [illegible] [illegible] G. Hewlett, "The Wandering Scholar."

FRENCH SUCCESS.

BIBANE HEIGHTS RETAKEN.

BRILLIANT EXPLOIT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Sept. 16.

French troops to-day brilliantly recaptured the Bibane heights mid-way between Taunat and Wezzan.

BIG POLITICAL GAIN.

Paris, Sept. 16.

The capture of the Bibane heights is not only a military success but a political gain, as the French now occupy the territory of the Beniourighels, whose defection undermined the French political front along the Wergha.

The occupation facilitates the organisation of an uninterrupted chain of strongholds on the right bank of the river.

EARLIER CABLES.

Madrid, Sept. 16.

A Spanish official communiqué mentions that some difficulty was encountered in landing supplies at Cebadilla Bay for the Alhucemas force owing to the uncertain weather.

A Tangier message declares that Franco-Spanish warships and steamers lying off Alhucemas were obliged to go to sea owing to bad weather and that the victualling of troops already landed is proving most difficult.

A Melilla telegram qualifies this by stating that the barges which until yesterday supplied food to the Spanish forces at Alhucemas Bay have been withdrawn owing to the roughness of the sea, which has also delayed the laying of a telegraphic cable between the peninsula of Morronuevo and the island of Alhucemas. In anticipation of bad weather, however, the force had been provided with several days' supplies. Spanish aeroplanes are constantly bombing the neighbouring villages.

A later official message says an improvement in the weather has enabled a resumption of the provisioning of the Alhucemas Bay force.—Reuter.

COAL STRIKE.

WELSH COAL FOR AMERICA?

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Sept. 16.

The prominent coal merchant Mr. Wertheim has gone to England to arrange for the import of 50,000 tons of Welsh coal a month if the anthracite strike continues.

Miners' Counter Threat.

Brussels, Sept. 16.

The Congress of the International Miners' Federation decided to prevent the shipment of British coal to America to defeat the strike.

PRIEST OF ANARCHY.

AMERICA BARS OUR RED M.P.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, Sept. 16.

Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State, announces that instructions have been cabled to London to revoke the passport visa granted to the British Communist M.P. Saklatvala who is a member of the British party to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference in America owing to Saklatvala's inflammatory revolutionary speeches.

Mr. Kellogg added that it was not desirable to admit foreigners to preach anarchy.

Later.

Decision Opposed.

Washington, Sept. 16.

Mr. Kellogg's announcement banning Mr. Saklatvala was issued immediately after conferring with President Coolidge. The decision was directly opposed by Senator Borah who said to-day that he thought it unnecessary and unwise to exclude the Communist and added that all revolutionary utterances attributed to Saklatvala were made publicly in Britain where no effort was made to *punish him. Mr. Borah therefore* deprecated a policy implying greater restriction on free speech in the United States than in Britain.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Sept. 16.

With reference to the Chinese resolution with regard to the election of six non-permanent members of the Council, the committee's report to the Assembly says that inasmuch as the Assembly has already come to a unanimous decision several times concerning the matter, it is unnecessary to refer the proposal to the committee, but it could be submitted direct to the Assembly.

DEBTS HOPES.

CAILLAUX'S AMERICAN MISSION.

SEEKING "FAIRPLAY."

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Sept. 16.

M. Caillaux, the Finance Minister, and members of the debt funding commission have departed for the United States.

Four senators, four deputies and three financial experts are among M. Caillaux's numerous retinue.

M. Caillaux, interviewed, was sanguine of getting an equitable settlement which would enable the United States again to demonstrate her traditional Anglo-Saxon spirit of fairplay.

BRITAIN'S BURDEN.

Washington, Sept. 16.

Senator Borah, conferring with President Coolidge, opposed France being granted more liberal terms than were given to Britain and is reported to have stated that the French capacity to pay is greater than Britain's.

£12,500,000 PROMISE.

London, Sept. 16.

The fact that the French Government has agreed to accept a £12,500,000 obligation to Britain was divulged by Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech at Birmingham, though the agreement is subject to further discussion on certain points, some of which are of considerable importance.

A WARNING TO MOSCOW.

The Chancellor said the Moscow propagandists had singled out the British Empire as their first main object of malice.

He declared the present British Government stood as a solid mass of stalwart commonsense and moderation against all unconstitutional activities and was determined to take the conciliatory middle course to achieve the general recuperation, not only in foreign political and economic spheres but in the domestic sphere.

CHINA EXTRALITY.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA CONFER.

PEKING MEETING FIXED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Sept. 16.

Reuter learns that Britain is in communication with the United States on the subject of the conference on extraterritoriality in China.

Washington, Sept. 16.

The committee to investigate extraterritoriality in China has been convoked to meet at Peking on December 18.

POWERS AGREED?

Later.

The announcement of the convocation of the Peking conference is construed as indicating virtually that all the Powers communicated with have agreed to the proposal.

CUSTOMS REVISION.

Stockholm, Sept. 16.

The Swedish Government has decided to subscribe to the Washington treaty regarding the revision of the Chinese customs.

EARLIER CABLES.

Tokyo, Sept. 16.

According to a Foreign Office announcement, Japan made the proposal, on September 10, that America should co-operate in organising among the Powers a judicial committee to consider abolishing extraterritoriality in China in accordance with the Washington Agreement.

As America was delighted with the proposition, the Foreign Office expects that the convening date will be settled shortly with China's approval.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Peking, Sept. 16.

The gross Chinese Customs Revenues, for the seven months ending on July 31, are 3,000,000 taels less than last year. In June there was a net falling off of 1,000,000 taels and in July double that amount. The returns for August, which are not yet complete, reveal a decline but not to so great an extent.

It is authoritatively stated that trade now appears improving and it is hoped that the September returns will show a recovery.

$25,000,000 LOAN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Sept. 16.

The $25,000,000 German Government agricultural loan has been over-subscribed.

The price yields investors 7.63 per cent.

45,000 ON STRIKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bombay, Sept. 16.

The strike of cotton operatives is extending, and 45,000 workers are now idle.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL SHARES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—It is very desirable that the Share market should be reopened without further delay. The Commission of Enquiry has doubtless submitted its report and an official pronouncement will soon be issued. If this is a premature or too optimistic view, is there anything to be said in favour of the present Stock and Share Exchanges and their members being suspended temporarily, and licences issued to trusted men to carry out the work of negotiating shares? Safeguards would have to be imposed to keep out the profiteer opportunist, but this should not be difficult of arrangement. An official pronouncement is highly desirable.

Yours, etc.,

INVESTOR.

Hongkong, Sept. 17.

TOKYO TO BERLIN.

BAD WEATHER DELAYS FLIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Koenigsberg, Sept. 16.

The Japanese airmen have postponed their flight to Berlin for twenty-four hours owing to bad weather.

PRESS MEN'S TOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brisbane, Sept. 16.

The Empire press delegates have arrived here and have been very warmly welcomed after a three days' journey mostly by motor car from Sydney.

In a speech at Lismore Sir Emsley Carr said the Australian Immigration Act did not encourage immigration.

RAILROAD'S AFFAIRS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Sept. 16.

The holders of $168,000,000 worth of Milwaukee St. Paul Railroad stock have assented to reorganisation of the railroad which at present is in the hands of the receiver.

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MOTOR LORRY DRIVER FINED.

A Chinese motor lorry driver was before the Kowloon Magistrate this morning on a charge of dangerous driving.

Tarific Sergeant Hallam said that he visited Ching Loong Tau, in the Castle Peak district, on receiving a report of an accident there. Round a bend in the road where the vehicle came to grief, witness measured up and found that the wheels of the lorry had skidded for a distance of 120 feet. The speed of the lorry at the time of the accident witness estimated at 38 miles an hour.

A fine of $15 was imposed.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The name of Miss Hercilla Barros has been by mistake omitted in the list of Elementary Shorthand passes published yesterday.

A number of men watching blasting operations at Morrison Gap Road yesterday ran in front of a motor cycle and one of them was knocked down. The man was not injured, but the cyclist hurt his hand.

The imposing Chinese funeral which passed through Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road Central during the tiffin-hour to-day was that of the wife of Mr. Li Yau-tsun, chairman of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. The whole procession took considerable time to pass a given point.

Father left home for his work in the early morning, and when his son rose later he saw his father's dinner still lying on the table. He ran after his dad, and after sprinting for two miles caught him up.

Tommy: "Father, you left your dinner at home."—"Eh, lad, so I have; where is it?"

Tommy: "Home, father."

WHAT THEY MEAN.

WALTER DE LA MARE'S STORIES.

"AMONG READERS OF BOOKS."

To those who ask, "What is the meaning of Walter de la Mare's prose stories?" it is only possible to reply with the counter-questions: "What is the meaning of a spring morning? or of an autumn evening? or of a sun-jewelled shower in summer? or of a snowflake?" The stupidest as well as the wisest among the sons of men recognise that some of the loveliest of God's works cannot be analysed by the human intelligence, or interpreted according to any formal code framed by the human mind.....

Do men therefore impatiently dismiss the spring morning as less desirable than some barren philosophical proposition which, as they may say, "means" something? Only the very few. Nevertheless, among readers of books it is the majority, not a few only, who daily do things which are almost as incredibly silly. They reject a song by Shakespeare or a sonnet by Keats, in favour of a ballad to some maid in Honolulu or of an ode to Felix the Cat! They ignore, let us say, stories by Katherine Mansfield, Walter de la Mare, and others among the moderns, and wallow delightedly in the sentimental molasses and iridescent passions of the Rainbow Magazine.

The difficulty urged by many readers in regard to Shakespeare and Keats and de la Mare, is that the sonnets of the one, the odes of the other, and the stories of the third, do not seem to mean anything; or perhaps, in more modest and self-abasing moments, they remark that these writers are "very deep!" Browning's Fra Lippo Lippi was one of those who have an itch to find the meaning of the world; yet he at least had enough gumption under his skin to see—and to say—that

If you get simple beauty and nought else,
You get about the best thing God invents,—
That's somewhat. And you'll find the soul you have missed,
Within yourself when you return Him thanks!

We are so hot for certainties.....that we tend to depreciate everything born of the human mind which cannot be brought within the field of our own individual vision. Particularly in literature, we demand that everything shall be "crackable," so that, as from a nut, we may extract the kernel whole and swallow it.....It is part of the intimate lovableness of an English lane that we may here and there pull a nut from the wayside hedge and munch it ruminantly: we assimilate, physically, something of the scene; we get it inside ourselves. But we cannot.....swallow or munch the Andes, or the Victoria Falls, or the Grand Canyon, or the Lake District, or even Boxhill: we can only yield ourselves to the influence of the pervasive beauty in these places, and, as it were, soak in their beauty until we become saturate. There are pieces of literature that can be munched and swallowed and used as human nature's daily food, by such readers as find them assimilable and sustaining: .....

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,
In front, the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright!

That is a kind of writing which yields its meaning, its moral, all that it holds, as easily as a hedge-nut yields its kernel. But where is the tangible kernel of "meaning" in writings of a different order?—in, say:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swathe and all its twined flowers.

Or what is the "meaning" of this other?—.....

Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and fears,
To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.....

Unless we are satisfied to use some sixth sense, in order to interpret the metalogical significance of autumn "sitting careless on a granary floor," and of the tiny flower giving thoughts that "lie too deep for tears," poetry has not power to speak to us.

The employment of that sixth sense is demanded by all Walter de la Mare's work—by his prose no less than by his verse. In fact, the key to appreciation of his non-metrical work lies in the recognition that the subject-matter of his prose does not vary in kind from the subject-matter of his verse. Whether in verse or in prose, Walter de la Mare always writes poetry.....

Walter de la Mare's stories are beauty truly blent by Nature's sweet and cunning hand. In all simplicity and grace, they will endure wind and weather, and they are full of exquisite music for those who are patient enough to stand and listen.—*Alfred C. Ward, in "Aspects of the Modern Short Story."*

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1925.

On London—	
Bank, Wire...	2 4-[illegible]
" On demand	2/4 3/16
" 30 days' sight	[illegible]
" 4 months' sight	[illegible]
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/5-[illegible]
Documentary, 4 months sight	[illegible]
On Paris—	
On demand	1235
Credits, 4 months' sight	1300
On Berlin—	
On demand	nom.
On New York—	
On demand	58[illegible]
Credits, 30 days' sight	60[illegible]
On Bombay—	
Wire	[illegible]
On demand	183
On Calcutta—	
Wire	[illegible]
On demand	[illegible]
On Singapore—	
On demand	103[illegible]
On Manila—	
On demand	116[illegible]
On Shanghai—	
On demand	[illegible]
30 days' sight (private paper)	[illegible]
On Yokohama—	
On demand	141[illegible]
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	[illegible]
Silver (per oz.)	[illegible]
On Silver in Shanghai	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
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HUMAN PILLARS.

BURIED ALIVE TO MAKE THEM SAFE.

JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS.

Workmen engaged in restoration work on the old watch-towers and walls surrounding the main Imperial Palace at Tokio, have unearthed a number of skeletons below the old foundations of one of the main towers, erected some 300 years ago.

They are the bones of the "human pillars" of the watch-tower.

Until not so very long ago it was the belief in Japan that important structures could be made safe and permanent if, within the foundations, there could be buried alive a certain number of strong, healthy human beings.

It is believed that the skeletons now discovered are the remains of vassals of Masatoshi Inonye, a noble of the Tokugawa Court, who built the tower in the 17th century. The skeletons show that they had been buried standing upright, with outstretched arms, palms upwards, in each palm and on top of each head being found an ancient coin.

THE RIVER GODS.

It is explained that these humans—the skeletons are of both men and women—were not sacrificed but were volunteers, who gave their lives in this dreadful fashion to benefit their lord. Even to-day such voluntary offers of death are made.

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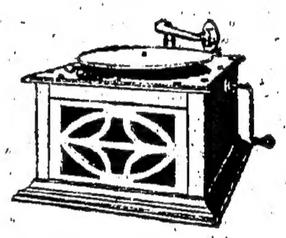

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "Empress of Russia" is to leave here for the North and Vancouver at 5 p.m. to-day.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday shows one (French) case of enteric fever.

The Government of Portugal has acquired the library of the lately deceased writer Jodo Chagas, for 200 contos.

It is proclaimed by order of H.E. the Governor in Council that Japan is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

In the "Times" of August 13, appears an advertisement of a large group of Rubber Estate Companies owning properties in Malaya, etc. inviting applicants from young men for training as planters. Commencing salary £315 per annum with annual increments, four years, free quarters and passage paid.

There was one record made by Grace which Hobbs is never likely to equal. In making his hundredth century, which was 288 for Gloucester against Somerset, his defence throughout his innings was so masterly that only four balls got past him to the wicket-keeper.

The prosperity of Macao has more than doubled within the past year if the number of motor-cars in use is any indication of prosperity. A year ago there were but 50 motor cars in Macao, or even less, and to-day there are 100 besides a large number of motor-cycles. A year ago the majority of the cars in use were those operated by garages and to-day the majority are privately owned. There is a demand for small cars, or runabouts.

The very newest craze is the scrap-book game, which is likely to be very popular. Photographs of celebrities, notorious people, and nonentities are cut from newspapers and collected, pasted into an album, and numbered. On a separate list the collector keeps a correct record of the names belonging to the original of each photograph. When a scrap-book party is held the album is left open for inspection by the guests, and a prize is given for the list which contains the greatest number of correct names produced within a given time. At one such party duplicate scrap-books, each containing 25 photographs, were provided for the guests, a plan which has much to recommend it, as it prevents "looking over."

A £1,000 bank-note, as an anonymous gift, has been received by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Young woman at Willesden: "I deny that this young man is my young man; he's my late young man."

All the available space at the motor-car show to be held in Sao Paulo next October has been taken by agents of American and Continental cars.

The contract for the erection of the new Liverpool office of the Ocean Steamship Co. (Messrs Alfred Holt & Co.) has been placed with Messrs. William Thornton & Sons, Liverpool.

The Shanghai Nanking Railway administration has instructed the station masters not to allow passengers who are suffering from contagious disease to ride in their trains.

The prospects of the wheat harvest in Spain are reported to be excellent. If the anticipations of agriculturists are realised, the crop will be amply sufficient for consumers' needs for the whole of the year.

Defendant, in a Rent Act case at Clerkenwell: "I may have had a few words with my wife occasionally." The Judge: "I know of these few words. But you come here looking like a couple of angels."

"Illegibility is a characteristic of examination papers. I have been examining for 30 years. The script is getting steadily worse," said Mr. Whitehouse, an examiner of several universities. "If we get script like the trail of an intoxicated spider, we send for a typist, and charge the student with the cost. Sometimes the typist is unable to decipher more than a few words."

The Presidency of Dominica (Leeward Islands) has recently celebrated the establishment of its new constitution, which embodies a return to the elective system. After 26 years of disfranchisement, the people will once again have elected representatives in the Legislative Council, instead of its being composed solely of 12 nominated members. The Council's first official act was to proclaim the unswerving loyalty of the people to His Majesty's throne and person.

"She works at a disinfectant factory, but she doesn't use it on her tongue," said an East End woman in the witness-box.

"China in Transition" was one of the subjects treated at the annual summer school of the Church Missionary Society at Oxford.

Two of the new London omnibuses, painted claret and red, have adopted "Shanghai" as their name. Another at Skegness is known as the "Nippon." Surely there cannot be such a paucity of English names that we need to borrow from the Far East, says a Home paper.

A well-known Italian resident of Melbourne has promised to give the sum of £500 each to Major the Marquis de Pinedo and his mechanic Campanelli if they reach Rome by November 4, the date of the Armistice on the Italian front, in the same machine as that in which they flew to Australia. The Marquis has now by stages reached Menado-Celebes Islands, en route to Japan.

"We are continually finding cheques and postal orders which have been thrown into the waste paper we collect from City offices," said an officer of the Salvation Army at Tower Bridge Police Court. "We make a practice of returning all such finds when the owners can be traced and of storing others until they are claimed," said the officer. "Some firms send us a periodical list of losses."

The Army School of Physical Training had printed on the back of the programme of a recent display the following Golden Rules: Play the game for the sake of the game. Play for your side and not for yourself. Be a good winner and a good loser—modest in victory and generous in defeat. Take all decisions without question or argument. Be unselfish and always ready to teach and help others.

South African jade, which is claimed to rival that of China, which formerly supplied the world's market, is being sold in England for the first time this year. In the South African Pavilion at Wembley a necklace of pure pink jade, priced at 450 guineas, is to be seen, and the other colours exhibited are grey, purple, green, deep rose, and flesh pink. A fine necklace composed entirely of South African jade was recently presented to the Queen.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Madam Kolvey left yesterday on a short vacation in Singapore. She will return in November.

Passengers who left by the "Empress of Russia" to-day included Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore, and Mr. Alan Cameron.

The French aviators Captain Weiss and Sergeant Tournow have accomplished a flight from Paris to Lisbon in nine hours and twenty minutes.

A player at Deep Water Bay on Sunday on examining his golf balls after the afternoon's round, discovered that his caddie had substituted a ping-pong ball for a golf ball.

Another dance arranged by the Social Committee of H.M.S. "Hermes" was held at the Seamen's Institute last night. The Jazz Band of H.M.S. "Hermes" supplied the music.

The qualifying round of the Kowloon Golf Club's summer cup competition, was completed over the week-end. The lowest score was obtained by R. Meldrum, who did the 18 holes in 82, with a nett score of 73.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Carlisle" have arranged another dance, in connection with their weekly series, to take place this evening at the Seamn's Institute. To-morrow evening a dance under the auspices of H.M.S. "Ambrose" is being held in the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre.

Leave has been granted to the undermentioned officers and sister Q.A.I.M.N.S. on private affairs for the periods stated:—Capt. E. Hall, C.M.A. (approx) 8th to 23rd September, 1925; Lieut. R. A. Chidson, 1st Bn. East Surrey Regt., 4th September to 18th October, 1925; Major E. S. Halford, R.A., 16 September to 31 October, 1925; Capt. N. C. Parkes, R.A., 16 September to 7 October, 1925; Sister Miss C. Sandbach, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., 15 September to 5 November, 1925.

Mr. Justice P. A. Farrer-Maxby, Judge, F.M.S., has been appointed to act as Chief Justice, F.M.S.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McArthur, and Mr. E. V. Jesson left the Colony to-day by the "Empress of Russia."

The Rev. J. Foster, B.A., has assumed the duties of officiating clergyman to the troops of the Wesleyan Denomination in Hongkong.

Mr. G. J. Marshall, the Secretary, Town Board, Muar, who is shortly retiring from the Government Service, was entertained to a sumptuous Chinese dinner by some of his Chinese friends at the Lok E. Heun Club, Muar, on Friday evening, the 4th instant.

Mr. W. H. Bourne, whose name has recently been added to the list of Authorised Architects, is a fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and has practised for many years both in England an in Canada. Whilst in Canada he was appointed City School Board and Hospital Architect in his own City. In 1921 he was appointed Assistant Consulting Architect to the Government of the United Provinces, India, and latterly has been with the Hongkong Government.

In the course of a recent lecture in Melbourne Mr. Francis M'Cullagh, the famous war correspondent, who is travelling with the American Fleet, narrated an adventure which he had on his visit to Russia five years ago. In a small town on the Urals he learned that Urofski, the man who murdered the Tsar, was living there, and he determined to visit him, and get the story of the assassination. Urofski, a fearsome-looking man, spoke to him for two hours without mentioning the things he wanted to hear most. Mr. M'Cullagh said that, as a matter of fact, he himself was afraid to ask about them, as he had been warned that any mention of the subject made Urofski dangerous. M'Cullagh accordingly chose to speak to him on the assassination, and he described at length the system of insurance established by the Soviet.

The Rajah of Sarawak has appointed Mr. S. W. Harris to be Mechanical Engineer, Sadong Collieries.

Mr. W. B. Burant, Cadet, is appointed to be Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of North Borneo.

A marriage will take place in October between Mr. Ross St. John Gore, of Kuala Lumpur, and Miss Florence Doreen Egan, elder daughter of Mr. Michael Egan, Pyrford, Surrey.

The Kuala Lumpur Branch of the E.S.A.M. propose to organise a dinner at the Masonic Hall, Venning-rd., on October 10, in honour of the Rev. "Tubby" Clayton, of Toc H. fame, who will speak on the subject before dinner.

Capitan Chung Thye Phin has sold his large rubber estate, situated in Sungei Siput, for an amount exceeding $700,000, the purchasers being Messrs. Barlow & Co., Kuala Lumpur. The "Times of Malaya" understands that the sale was put through by a well known Chinese business man of Penang.

The following appointments were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month ending July 10:—Mr. E. A. Struthers, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer, F.M.S.; Miss B. C. Fulton, Nurse, S.S.; Miss W. S. Harnett, Nurse, S.S.; Mr. E. E. Claxton, M.R.C.S., Medical Officer, S.S.; Major H. J. F. Wallis, Commandant, M.S.V.R.; Miss A. D. Chapcott, Nursing Sister, F.M.S.; Miss E. N. Bruce, Nursing Sister, S.S.

The death occurred on August 25 of the pioneer woman journalist, Miss Mary Frances Billington. Miss Billington began her journalistic career on the "Echo," subsequently going to the "Daily Graphic" for a few years, and since 1897 she had been exclusively attached to the "Daily Telegraph." She was President of the Society of Women Journalists from 1913-1918, and represented the Society as the only overseas woman delegate at the Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa in 1920.

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HOME CRICKET.

HOBBS GETS ANOTHER CENTURY.

HOW THE SEASON ENDED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Sept. 16.

At the Oval, the Yorkshire (champion county) v. The Rest of England match was left drawn but was distinguished by Hobbs making another century, his 16th of the season and the 129th of his career. Scores:—

The Rest (1st) 430 runs. Hobbs (Surrey) made 106, Woolley (F.E. of Kent?) made 64, A. W. Carr (Notts) made 60, P. G. H. Fender (Surrey) made 56 and V. W. C. Jupp (Northants) made 61 not out; Macaulay took 7 wickets for 135 runs.

The Champions (1st) 313 runs. Sutcliffe made 124.

The Rest (2nd) 252 runs for 4 wickets declared. Woolley made 104 runs, A. W. Carr made 83.

The Champions (2nd) 112 runs for 3 wickets. Sutcliffe made 50 not out.

Rain fell and the match was abandoned.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

LEAGUE TO END ON SATURDAY.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

There will be two league baseball matches on Saturday, at Happy Valley Diamond.

In the first game, the South China A.A. and the Japanese Baseball Club, who are now at the top of the League, will fight for the championship honours. The game will start at 2.30 p.m., after which, the presentation of the "Lai Wah" Shield will take place. Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird has kindly consented to make the presentation to the winners.

The second game between the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Hongkong Baseball Club will take place at 4.30 p.m.

The League standings to date follow:—

	W.	L.	Pct.
South China A.A.	8	1	.889
Japanese Club	8	1	.889
Hongkong B.B. Club	5	4	.556
Volunteers	3	6	.333
Filipino Club	3	7	.300
Indian R.C.	1	9	.100

SCHOOL CRICKET.

YESTERDAY'S INTERESTING MATCH.

The Diocesan Boys' School cricket XI visited the University ground yesterday and the 'Varsity 2nd XI gained the honours on the first innings.

When stumps were drawn, the School were 19 runs on, with 7 wickets down, Samy having made 27.

Scores:—

Diocesan School.

F. I. Zimmern, b Lam	10
D. J. Anderson, b Sudan	2
Rev. T. W. Featherstone, b Lam	9
J. L. Young Saye, run out	0
F. Samy, b Lam	7
W. Hunt, b Lam	9
E. Lee, b Lam	2
A. Lee, b Ong	9
R. Gerrard, b Lam	4
E. Goddard, l.b.w. Ong	0
L. Guterres, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	66

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
B. N. Sudan	8	0	19	1
C. W. Lam	10.1	5	24	6
C. K. Ong	3	1	8	2

University 2nd XI.

B. P. Ng, c Goddard, b A. Lee	4
E. Zimmern, c Anderson, b Zimmern	1
W. H. Shing, b Zimmern	53
B. N. Sudan, run out	10
C. K. Ong, run out	7
V. F. Vicajee, b A. Lee	6
C. W. Lam, b E. Lee	13
H. Y. Leong, b Zimmern	9
F. Hiptola, b Zimmern	5
H. T. Barma, b E. Lee	0
I. Tajima, not out	2
Extras	21
Total	131

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. I. Zimmern	12	8	20	4
A. Lee	10	2	38	2
J. L. Youngsaye	1	0	3	0
E. Goddard	4	0	20	0
E. Lee	6	0	28	2

HOBBS' RECORD.

WHAT HE DID THIS SEASON.

AND MAURICE TATE.

For the first time in his career, J. B. Hobbs has topped the batting averages for an English cricket season. The year 1925 will go down as a wonderful one for the world's greatest batsman. On the conclusion of the last match Reuter has cabled details as follows:—

Hobbs easily leads with 48 innings (5 times not out), total of 3,024 runs (highest score 266 not out), average 70.32.

It will be seen that in this season Hobbs has done the following:—

1.—Put up a new record aggregate of 129 centuries in first-class cricket against that of 126 by Dr. W. G. Grace.

2.—Put up a new record of 16 centuries in one season.

3.—Made more than 3,000 runs in the season for the first time in his career.

4.—Topped the batting averages for the first time in his career.

5.—Made the highest individual score of his career, namely, 266 not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Reuter also says:—

Parker, C. W. L. (Gloucester) virtually heads the bowling. His figures are:—1,512 overs, 478 maidens, 3,311 runs, 222 wickets, average—14.91 runs per wicket.

He is closely followed by Tate, M. W. (Sussex) whose figures, as cabled, read:—1,694 overs, 472 maidens, 3,415 runs, 228 wickets, average—14.97 runs per wicket.

This has been again a splendid season for Tate, the bowler who earned fame in Australia. In 1923 and 1924 he scored over 1,000 runs and took over 200 wickets, a feat he has repeated this season, thereby putting up a new record.

Parker is not so famous but he has the distinction of having all 10 wickets in an innings and of capturing 17 wickets in a match.

KEEPING THIN.

TASK TOO HARD FOR JOCKEY.

F. BULLOCK RETIRES.

"Robin Goodfellow," telegraphing from Liverpool to the "Daily Mail," says: It is of widespread interest to hear that F. Bullock, one of the most efficient and popular jockeys of our time, intends to give up race riding at the end of the present season. The difficulty and danger of wasting so as to keep his weight down to about 8st. 9lb., added to the fatigues of travelling, prompt him to take this step. I heard with regret of this decision, and could not refrain from expressing a hope that he would alter his intention. However, Bullock added he had definitely decided not to apply for a licence for next year.

Mr. Bullock is 40. He came from Australia in 1903 and rode for Brewer, another Australian, who had training stables at Newmarket.

Bullock's first big win was on Xeny in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood in 1905.

He has recently been associated with Taylor's stable, and this year achieved his ambition by riding a classic winner to victory for the first time in his life, being on Saucy Sue when she won the 1,000 Guineas and the Oaks.

He has been unlucky in the Derby, riding Tamar, second in 1922, St. Germans, second last year, both for Lord Astor.

[Note: Bullock rode Picaroon in the St. Leger.]

INTERPORT BOWLS.

SHANGHAI TEAM SAILS OCTOBER 3.

October 10 is a date being considered as the one on which the interport lawn bowls match between Shanghai and Hongkong will be played.

Mr. A. Macfarlane, honorary secretary to the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, kindly informed the "China Mail" that the Shanghai team, consisting of six players, were leaving by the "Empress of Asia" on October 3.

Hitherto the ground of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club has been favoured for the interport matches. The day suggested might prove most suitable and would be before the period when other branches of sport compete for interest.

Shanghai v. club matches will depend on the length of the stay.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST MID-WEEK RESULTS.

HUDDERSFIELD WIN AWAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Sept. 16.

The following football matches were played to-day, home teams given first:—

Division I.

Birmingham	1	Huddersfield	3
Bolton	4	Burnley	2
Everton	4	W. B. Albion	0
Leeds	2	Newcastle	0
Manchester U.	3	Leicester	2

Division III (South).

Southend	0	Watford	1
Swindon	4	Bristol R.	2

Division III (North).

Hartlepools	5	Accrington	1
Wrexham	1	Wigan	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
West Ham	5	4	1	0	7	1	9
Tottenham	6	4	1	1	10	7	9
Sunderland	4	4	0	0	20	6	8
Huddersfield	5	3	2	0	10	5	8
Bolton W.	7	3	2	2	14	10	8
Leeds	6	3	1	2	8	5	7
Arsenal	5	2	2	1	5	4	6
Manch. Un.	6	2	2	2	9	7	6
Everton	6	1	4	1	11	8	6
Aston Villa	5	1	3	1	16	9	5
Birmingham	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Notts County	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
Cardiff City	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Newcastle U.	5	1	2	2	21	16	4
Liverpool	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
West Bromwich	5	1	2	2	6	12	4
Bury	4	2	0	2	5	9	4
Burnley	6	1	2	3	7	17	4
M'chester C.	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Leicester	6	1	1	4	8	14	3
Blackburn	5	1	0	4	11	13	2
Sheffield U.	5	0	1	4	9	17	1

DIVISION III.
Southern Section.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Reading	6	4	2	0	11	7	10
Watford	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Plymouth	4	4	0	0	17	4	8
Millwall	5	4	0	1	11	6	8
Northants	4	3	1	0	12	6	7
Bournemouth	5	2	2	1	7	7	6
Bristol R.	6	3	0	3	8	10	6
Brighton	4	3	0	1	14	7	6
Swindon	6	3	0	3	10	12	6
Gillingham	5	2	1	2	6	4	5
Bristol C.	5	2	1	2	9	7	5
Newport	4	2	1	1	10	8	5
Luton	6	2	1	3	11	10	5
Southend	6	2	1	3	10	12	5
Norwich	6	2	1	3	5	9	5
Exeter	5	2	0	3	6	5	4
Aberdare	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
Merthyr	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Charlton	4	1	1	2	1	4	3
Q. P. R.	5	0	1	4	4	12	1
Crystal P.	4	0	0	4	3	13	0
Brentford	5	0	0	5	6	19	0

DIVISION III.
Northern Section.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Bradford	6	5	1	0	21	3	11
Ashington	6	3	3	0	15	7	9
Grimsby	6	4	1	1	19	4	9
Rochdale	6	3	3	0	18	9	9
Durham	6	4	0	2	16	9	8
Hartlepools	6	4	0	2	13	13	8
Wigan	6	2	3	1	13	8	7
Coventry	6	3	1	2	10	10	7
Wrexham	6	2	3	1	10	9	7
N. Brighton	5	2	2	1	9	9	6
Rotherham	5	2	2	1	9	11	6
Chesterfield	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
Nelson	6	1	3	2	11	15	5
Lincoln	5	2	0	3	8	9	4
Doncaster	5	1	2	2	8	12	4
Barrow	6	1	1	4	11	16	3
Crewe	5	1	1	3	9	12	3
Halifax	6	1	1	4	5	8	3
Accrington	6	1	1	4	8	18	3
Southport	5	1	1	3	9	13	3
Tranmere	5	1	0	4	8	19	2
Walsall	6	0	2	4	7	22	2

YACHT RACES.

SCANDINAVIA VERSUS THE U.S.A.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Oyster Bay (L.I.), Sept. 16.

The first of a series of international six metre yacht races between teams of four American and four Scandinavian boats resulted in a win for the American yacht "Lunai," the Danish yacht "Nordug V" being second and the Norwegian yacht "Oslo" third. The United States team scored 19½ points to 17.

Later Cable.

In the second series of six metre yacht races, the "Dauphin" (America) came first.

America also captured the second, third and sixth places.

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INTER-UNIT MATCH ON MONDAY.

INFANTRY V. SCOTTISH CO.

The two strongest units, for Association football, in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, viz., the Infantry Co. and the Scottish Co., will play one another at the Kowloon ground on Monday.

It can practically be said that with one or two exceptions the Corps Soccer team will be drawn from these two units. There is a possibility of the winners on Monday playing the Rest of the Corps. Some good play is anticipated although it is so early in the season.

FEWER JAILED.

HOME SECRETARY ON STRIKING DECLINE.

11-HOUR DAY TRAINING SCHEME.

At the ninth International Prison Congress, which opened in the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brise, in delivering his presidential address, found considerable difficulty in reading his typescript, but struggled on for some minutes. Then it dawned upon him that he must be wearing the wrong glasses. He searched the table and discovered that he had picked up the glasses of the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, who had just addressed the Congress.

Sir William delved into his pockets, and producing his case found that it contained the president's glasses. The necessary exchange was made and Sir Evelyn was able to go on with his speech.

In his address Sir William Joynson-Hicks, president of the National Reception Committee of the Congress, said:—

In the last few years there has been a striking diminution in the number of persons in prison, notwithstanding that there has been an increase of population in the same period. Fifty years ago there were 20,000 people in local prisons; to-day there are only 8,000. Fifty years ago there were 10,000 people in penal servitude; to-day there are 1,600.

To that must be added 1,100 young persons in Borstal institutions. There were 113 local prisons, and 13 penal servitude prisons in this country fifty years ago; to-day there are 91 local prisons and four penal servitude institutions.

The reasons for this decrease are to be found in better education, in improved sobriety, and improvement of the standard and condition of living, and also in the care taken by judges and magistrates to make the greatest possible use of the alternative to detention.

TWO EXPERIMENTS.

Two experiments were being conducted in regard to prisons. Wormwood Scubs was set aside entirely, about two or three months ago, for men committed from the London area who had never been in prison before, with the object of training them in an environment free from the prison atmosphere.

At Wakefield the prison has been kept for those with sentences long enough to enable them to take advantage of the opportunity of industrial training afforded. No one is admitted to this prison with a sentence of less than six months, and an 11-hour day—nine hours work and two hours education—is enforced.

TEACHER'S JOURNEYS.

Separate confinements had been almost entirely abolished in our English prisons. Systems of voluntary education, in which a voluntary education assistant to the prison governor guided the work of his fellow-prisoners, had been inaugurated.

At one prison a party of public school teachers took a train journey of 25 miles each way voluntarily to give instruction to the prisoners in the evening.

"There is a change of spirit in our prisons to-day," remarked Sir William. "The atmosphere is one of hope rather than of despair, and among the prisoners there is co-operation with the prison régime rather than opposition to it."

He was convinced that the short sentence was absolutely useless, and preventive detention had not been so successful as had been hoped.

A man went to a wardrobe dealer to get a second-hand suit of clothes, and, picking out one to suit him, asked the price. The dealer told him, adding, "I am selling it to you for the same as I gave for it."

"That's what you said the last time I bought something from you," said the customer. "How do you make a living then?"

The dealer, leaning over to him as he wrapped up the parcel, whispered, smilingly, "I make a little profit on the paper and string."

"I know," said the young lover, "she has her faults, and a temper, and all that, but I—I love her and can't live without her."

"Just so," calmly replied his friend, "but the question isn't that. Can you live with her?"

SMART CLOTHES.

NEW METHODS WITH YOUNG CRIMINALS.

DANCES WITH VILLAGE GIRLS.

That smart attire has a salutary psychological effect on erring juveniles is a discovery made at many reformatory schools.

"The old convict uniforms have gone, and that old half-way house, the Norfolk jacket, of a type worn in institutions only, is fast disappearing," says a Home Office report on reformatory and industrial schools, which adds:—

The celluloid Eton collar and little made-up blue tie still exist in a few places: one day the responsible person will realise that the dress of boys has changed and become more comfortable.

One girls' school, at the request of a male inspector, lowered its waist four inches, a decided improvement in the appearance of its otherwise nicely dressed girls.

The titles of the schools have also been changed, for it is pointed out that to call a Home Office school a "Reformatory for Delinquent Girls" does not encourage letter-writing when it is printed on the top of the notepaper.

It is suggested that "one day, perhaps, the boys and girls of neighbouring reformatories will be allowed to mix socially and learn such chivalry as contact between the sexes alone can teach."

At one school, it is stated, a dance was held at which "the young women of the village were invited." At first the boys "had to be driven to find their partners," but at the end the general request by the lads was to be allowed to escort the girls home.

About 30,000 boys and girls under 16 come before the juvenile courts every year.

RADIO MARVELS.

A LONDON-CHILE TALK.

6,300-MILES FEAT.

Two-way wireless communication between London and Chile, on the western coast of South America, about 6,300 miles, has just been established for the first time by Mr. J. A. Partridge, an amateur, of Park-road, Wimbledon.

Mr. Partridge exchanged messages with Edmundo Guevara, who sent a message through Mr. Partridge from his lonely outpost at Guevara Vilcum, on the Pacific coast, to Professor Midgley, of the Bradford Technical College, of which Guevara is an old student.

Mr. Partridge was "introduced" to Guevara by 2AC, a station in New Zealand, who said that 1EG, the call-sign of the Chile station, wished to get in touch with him.

"I turned to the Chilean station," said Mr. Partridge to a reporter. "After repeating the call-sign, 1EG, the message 'I have a message for England' was tapped out. I said 'O.K.,' and he gave me a message for Professor Midgley and also one for the students of Bradford Technical College, telling them he would be working on 89 metres and asking if they would try to get in touch with him."

Mr. Partridge again got into communication with Guevara, the signals being much stronger. Soon it is hoped to establish two-way communication for the third time running.

JAZZY COSTUMES.

BATHING FASHIONS FOLLOW WALKING DRESS.

Fashions in bathing attire are following closely those of walking dress this summer.

The double-breasted tailored coat is worn in bright-coloured taffetas faced with large checks for walking down to the water. Then appear the smart checks of the season in black and white or coloured taffetas. The ubiquitous button, although not yet down the back of a bathing-gown, adorns the legs of a tunic, forms a vest, and decorates the cap.

Jazzy colours are the bathing colours of the season. They are carried out in printed satin for the ultra-smart woman. The stout woman chooses plain black taffetas with long lines of coloured embroidery for her bathing-gown.

Caps have flat trimmings either in the front or arranged to stand out at the sides of the head. When the wearer goes into the water she takes off her smart cap and reveals a rubber lining in which she faces the waves.

Shoes in rubber, in the sandal shape, of all tones, complete the set.

Wife: "I dreamed last night that I had a prefectly lovely hat." Husband: "That's the first dream of a hat you ever had that didn't cost me money."

CURZON'S SECRET.

DOCUMENT NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

CRITICISMS OF PUBLIC MEN.

By a clause in the will of the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston a document of his own preparation which, if published, would be prominent among the records of recent political history, owing to its caustic comments, is withheld for ever from the public.

This is a literary testament which Lord Curzon began to write fifteen years ago and kept regularly, until just before his death. It is said to contain sharp criticism of Mr. Lloyd George and the ex-Prime Minister's assumption of the duties of Foreign Secretary during the Peace Treaty conferences. Passages in it protest against credit for the management of affairs while Lord Curzon was at the Foreign Office having been taken by or apportioned to other members of the Cabinet.

The administration of Lord Kitchener is also the subject of trenchant references, and forcible criticism is made of the circumstances in which Lord Curzon resigned from the office of Viceroy.

TO BE USED AS A GUIDE.

The testament was never in any sense intended to be regarded as a part of the original and supplementary wills which Lord Curzon left.

The political record is one of many hundreds of unpublished papers entrusted to his literary executors for arrangement and disposal, and the first of the detailed instructions is that it should never become public property and that the entire testament is to be treated only as a guide in the future arrangement of literary works and private and official correspondence. It was not, of course, included in the probate of the wills.

The private political diary is not a narrative of opinions and impressions formed in perspective but rather a series of comments on and thumb-nail sketches of people and situations made at the moment. That they remain the final judgment of Lord Curzon, however, is shown by the fact that he signed and dated the testament on the day before the operation which resulted in his death.

The literary executors appointed by Lord Curzon are Sir Walter Lawrence, who was his private secretary in India; Dr. F. W. Pember, the Warden of All Souls College, Oxford; and Sir Ian Z. Malcolm, a former M.P. and member of the Diplomatic Service.

RANJI'S LOSS.

£500 AND ONLY PHOTOS OF PARENTS.

His Highness the Maharajah of Nawanagar, better known as Prince Ranjitsinhji, the famous cricketer, lost nearly £500 in notes, two much valued photographs, and a number of important and confidential documents when leaving the Haymarket Theatre, S.W.

To a reporter he said:—

I was leaving the theatre after the performance of "A Man With a Load of Mischief," and walked towards my car, which was waiting outside. It may have taken me a minute and a half to get to the car, as there was a large crowd. My wallet, a small one, was in the pocket of my dress coat. After stepping into my car I felt for my cigarette case and then found that the wallet had disappeared. It contained, besides money and some cablegrams, two photographs of my father and mother—the only ones I possess—and official documents.

I sincerely trust that I shall be fortunate enough to recover the photographs and documents.

Prince Ranjitsinhji has a house at Staines and also resides at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W.

Guest (at restaurant): "That is the second time I have seen that fat, bald-headed old man walk out of here without paying for his luncheon."

Waiter: "Yes, sir. We let him lunch here for nothing because he attracts all the flies from the other customers."

ROOM OF SPIDERS.

A WOMAN IN THE DESERT.

RIGHT OF TERROR.

"Through Inner Deserts to Medina" by Countess Malmignati, (Philip Allan, 10s. 6d.), is a remarkable account of a woman's wanderings in the deserts of Arabia. Countess Malmignati started from Damascus, joined the great desert tribe of the Roalla, and shared their strange existence in the wilderness. Subsequently she was seized by the fanatical southern Arabs and carried to Medina, whence she returned to Damascus by train.

The desert Arabs are very fine men.

Nothing mars the calm and harmony of their lives and actions. I felt my heart more at peace every day, my eyes and mind became clearer, my very movements changed into the slow and dignified movements of the Bedouin. How simple all their life is! What clean-living men they are! Proud and strong as their actions, and yet they have the faith and the heart of a child.

But her subsequent adventures were terrible, and it is astonishing to think that she came out alive and with her courage unbroken. At one time she was shut up in a ghastly room.

By the dim light of the lantern, I saw two long black lines across the floor. They seemed to be moving, and, bringing the lantern nearer to them, I saw that they were columns of enormous ants.....My eyes becoming more accustomed to the dim light, I saw enormous beetles everywhere, and big, horrible spiders along the walls; and, in a corner, lizards with great, ugly heads.... When at last the daylight shone through my tiny windows the floor was a regular battlefield, covered with dead bugs, spiders, beetles, and ants.

Altogether this is one of the most vivid and exciting books of travel that have appeared for a long time. The author catches the atmosphere of the desert wonderfully well, and, if her book has its share of horrors, it also has its full share of charm and delight.

SECRET WEDDING.

GUARDS OFFICER AND BARONET'S DAUGHTER.

The romance of a young Guards officer, the descendant of a King, and the daughter of a baronet was revealed by their marriage at St. Martin's register office, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C., where the officials were unaware of the identity of the parties until the register was signed after the ceremony.

The bridegroom was Lieut. Edward Charles Fitz-Clarence, of the Irish Guards. He is the 25-years-old son of the late Brig.-General Charles Fitz-Clarence, V.C., who gained his V.C. at the siege of Mafeking, in the South African War, and was killed in action in 1914. The general was a grandson of the 1st Earl of Munster, eldest son of William IV.

The bride was Miss Monica Sheila Grayson, the 22-years-old daughter of Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Mulleneux Grayson.

The couple arrived at the register office just before 3 o'clock, and the ceremony was completed almost as the hour fixed by law as the day's limit to marriages ended.

So hurried were their preparations that the bride and bridegroom were accompanied by only one witness, and a taxi-cab driver was asked to act as the second witness.

After the ceremony, the newly married couple thanked the officials for the prompt manner in which the wedding had been conducted and left the office, as they had arrived, unnoticed.

HUNT PRIMITIVE MAN—The third Asiatic expedition of the New York Museum of Natural History has started on its quest of early human relics. From a camp 1,000 miles northwest of Kalgan, the Gobi Desert and Altai Mountains will be explored.

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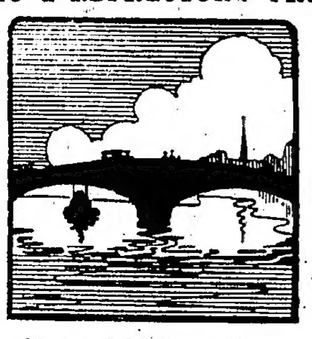

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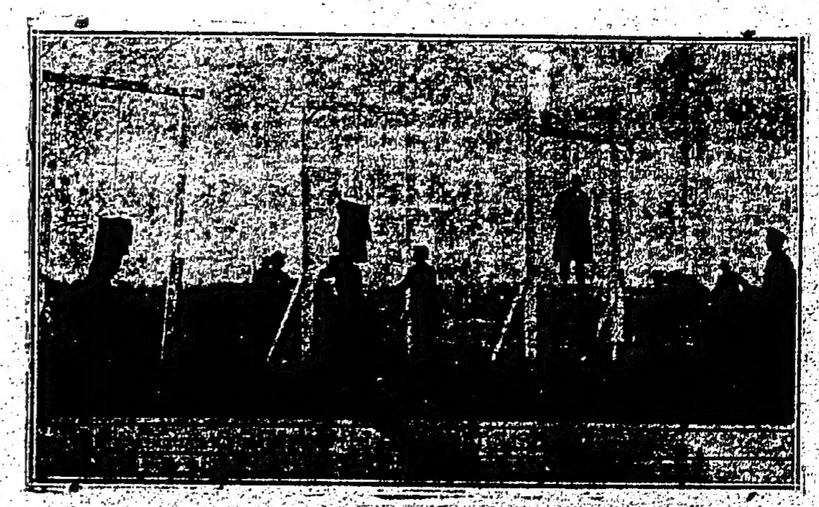

This remarkable photograph shows the actual hanging of three of the Sofia Cathedral bomb plotters, whose machinations cost the lives of more than one hundred persons. Koeff (on left) is already in the death throes, the chair which supported Zadgorsky (centre) is just pulled from under him, while Friedmann (right) watches his fellow-conspirators go.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Bloomsbury.

Bloomsbury, from merely being the name of a district, has come to describe a type of modern intellectual, and already the word has crept into one or two of the newest novels (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.) Now another house in Gordon Square has fallen into the hands of the Bloomsbury highbrows. The lower floors are inhabited by Vanessa Bell, the painter, while another painter, Douglas Davison, and "a young man who writes" have just moved into the upper storeys. The house is furnished in the true "Bloomsbury art" manner, with pseudo-Victorian effect, and a lot of little frilly curtains. There are also, of course, several pictures by Duncan Grant.

The First Typewriter.

The typewriter has become so necessary and familiar an accessory of commercial life that few persons give any thought to its interesting ancestry. Indeed, it would probably puzzle the average readers, says the "Youth's Companion," to come within fifty years of naming the date when the first machine of the kind was patented. Would he dare to say 1829? Andrew Jackson was then President, and Martin Van Buren was Secretary of State. The names of both appear on U.S. Patent No. 269, issued on July 23, 1829, to William Austin Burt, of what was then the Territory of Michigan, for a writing machine that he called the "typographer." It was a cumbersome implement, built into a little table that formed a part of it; the type registered rather inaccurately, since the inventor had made the model mostly by hand in the woods of Michigan, where good machine tools were unavailable, but it worked satisfactorily. It spaced evenly, produced both upper and lower case letters, and printed all the necessary marks of punctuation. The background of the "typographer" is even more interesting than the machine itself. William Austin Burt was one of those Yankee geniuses like Eli Whitney and Elias Howe and S. F. B. Morse. Born in Petersham, Massachusetts, in 1792, he was forced by necessity to go to work so early that in his whole life he had only a few weeks' schooling; but he was a natural student, and taught himself surveying, navigation, something of astronomy, and more or less of geology. His surveying work led him in 1836 to invent the solar compass, an instrument that determines the compensation to be made for variations of the magnetic needle owing to local causes. The United States Government still uses it. As a member of the Michigan Territorial Council Burt studied the problem of navigation on the Great Lakes, and was one of the first persons to see the immense advantage of building a navigable waterway round St. Mary's Falls. His forward-looking mind envisioned the present Sault Ste. Marie Canal. He was also a millwright and built sawmills and grist-mills in the new country, where they were greatly needed, and he has the credit of having been the first man to discover the immense iron deposits of Michigan. The "typographer," Burt's most notable invention, was not a financial success and was never put on the market. It failed, not because of any real fault, but merely because it was half a century ahead of its time. The world was not ready for it.

Is Fishing Cruel?

Few ardent aquarists, I venture to think, would find pleasure in fishing with hook and line (says the Editor of "Amateur Aquarist.") Despite its popularity, angling of this kind is a barbarous pastime born of ignorance and the primitive instinct to kill. So callous does the fisherman become that, according to a recent report, one club of sea-anglers made a practice of returning their catches to the water with the object of hooking them over and over again! Aquarists who have ever acquired a fish caught in this fashion will know the terrible injuries which result from the tearing of the barbed hook from the gullet of the victim. Fish, thus mutilated, are commonly allowed to lie gasping upon a sun-baked bank whilst their captor seeks to gratify his insatiable lust for prey by adding yet another to the purposeless pile beside him. In "Nights with an Old Gunner," the author—Mr. C. J. Cornish—describing "A Great Tench Catch," states:—"In an hour there were four golden piles of fish lying on the bank, one by each rod, and the catch was going on as steadily as ever." After such treatment it would not be surprising if Mr. Cornish's assertion that tench are "not only the shyest of all fishes, but have the longest memories," proved correct! The most objectionable practice in connection with fishing is the use of live minnows as bait for the destruction of their larger relatives. If anglers would take a little more interest in their live bait they would assuredly find that a minnow is much more interesting in an aquarium than when impaled upon a hook!

Lava Trees.

During the past year the volcano of Kilauea, in the Hawaiian Islands, has been unusually active, and this fact has drawn attention to one of the world's greatest curiosities. On the slopes of the mountain there is a perfect forest of lava trees, which is believed to have been formed nearly a century ago. The trees which form this forest are amazingly lifelike, even the grain of the bark being represented, yet they are nothing but shells of lava. The way in which this strange forest was formed is interesting. The original trees were of a kind known locally as ohia, a species abundant in the Hawaiian Islands. During a terrific outburst on the part of the volcano, when the lava poured out in a vast cataract, 40 or 50 feet deep, the whole of a thickly-wooded region was overwhelmed. The fluid point of lava is at 2,000 degs. F., but it instantly solidifies at a point a few degrees below high figure. When the trees were buried in the stream of liquid fire, the lava which came into touch with the trunks and branches immediately solidified, owing to the contact with the cold bark. The main flow of the molten stream swept on, leaving each tree with only a thin coating. This was sufficient to set the wood burning, and, in course of time, all the branches and the trunk of the tree were consumed, leaving nothing but the lava mould. The lava trees have stood the test of nearly 100 years, and seem likely to exist indefinitely. Now and again some seeds of ohia will germinate and take root in the upper branches of a lava tree. Then the upper part of the lava trunk is adorned with a tuft of foliage, which gives a lifelike appearance to what is really only a make-believe trunk.—"Boys' Own Paper."

The Best Policy?

A Paris taxi-driver has just conducted an honesty test (observes a "Daily News" writer.) He left a packet of chocolate in the taxi eleven times and noted the result. On nine occasions the fare tried to get away with the find, but was detained by the driver, who, after explaining the test, recovered the chocolate. Twice the packet was handed to the driver—by a girl messenger, and by a soldier off to Morocco. A curious result of the test was that those who tried to claim the chocolate increased their tips to the driver; a case of conscience working in a round-about way.

The Trained Appetite.

The appetite can be trained to moderation or stimulated to excess. Hunger and the desire to eat should recur at natural intervals without artificial aid. The finest *aperitif* is outdoor exercise. The Prince of Wales sets an excellent example in personal hygiene. He finds time in an exceptionally busy life for daily exercise, and eats only one full meal a day. The great majority of the hard-working, healthy, and long-lived men and women have trained their appetites to moderate indulgence in nutritional pleasure, says Walter M. Gallichan in the "Daily Mail." The ancient philosophers who lived simply experienced more "euphoria," or a sense of well-being, than their luxurious neighbours who sought pleasure by excess at banquets. The holiday appetite is healthy, because it is induced by natural stimulus.

Jacobite Songs.

Considering that, from the very first, the cause of "the race that with tears must be named" stood little chance of success, and that during the whole of his brief career, when like a meteor he blazed across the Scottish sky, to be as suddenly extinguished, Prince Charlie's followers never numbered five thousand men, this devotion of the Muse to the Jacobite cause is rather surprising, especially if one is of opinion that songs mirror the sentiments of a nation. The prevalence of Scottish Jacobite, and the lack of Hanoverian songs forces one to the conclusion that, although the whole of Scotland did not rise in favour of Prince Charlie, yet the heart of Scotland was on his side, and was only prevented from openly favouring him by religious and material considerations.

The song writers, therefore, in giving voice to the sentiments of the people in general, have left behind them a vast heritage of tragically beautiful songs about the Chevalier, while the best they could do for the Hanoverians was a song like "The Wee, Wee German Lairdie."

"Wha the deil hae we gotten for a King,
But a wee, wee German Lairdie;
When we went tae fetch him hame
He wis delvin' in his kail-yairdie.
He wis sheughin' kail an' laying leeks,
Wi'oot the hose an' but the breeks,
An' up his beggar duds he cleeks,
This wee, wee German Lairdie."

Even the National Anthem, "God Save the King," which was adopted by the reigning house after Culloden, was a Jacobite song before that fateful battle.—Olive M. Squair, in "The Scots Musical Magazine."

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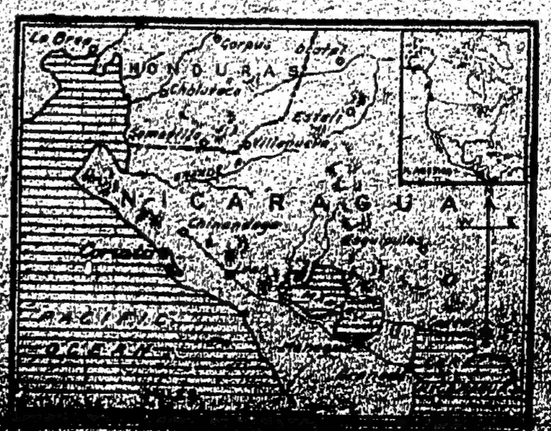

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G.P.O. Counter ... 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	For
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres Pierce
Saigon	Porthos
Manila	Pres. Grant
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers—London 20th Aug. and Parcels—13th Aug.)	Malwa
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.	
Straits	Soudan
Straits	Talamba
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.	
EUROPE via Negapatam, (Papers only, London 13th Aug.)	Haitan
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.	
Canada, U.S.A. Japan Shanghai	Pres. Madison

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.		
Shanghai and *Japan	Malwa	5 p.m.
Amoy	Sisang	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Amakusa Maru	8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	12.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & *EUROPE via VICTORIA B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 10th Oct.—and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Pres. Grant	
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.		
Shanghai and Japan	Sonda	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mediterranean, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseille—due Marseilles 17th Oct. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 1.45 p.m. (9th Sept.) Letters 2.30 p.m.	Khyber	
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central America & *EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco 14th Oct. Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Siberia Maru	
Amoy and Swatow	Haiching	Noon.
Straits, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th Oct. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	[illegible]	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.		
Manila	Pres. Madison	2.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.		
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N. R. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Customs
ad interim,
For Kowloon & District,
B/O. Inspector General of Chinese Customs.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 16th September, 1925.

HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE.

The Fifth Yearly Drawing of Twenty Debentures of the Hongkong Club (1920 issue—$500 each), was held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 8th September, 1925, when the following Debentures were Drawn for redemption:—

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 10, and Monday, October 12, 1925 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, September 26, 1925.

Hongkong, Sept. 14, 1925.

NOTICES.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company, the General Managers of the said Company on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

(1) That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now $6,000,000 consisting of 600,000 shares of the nominal value of $10 each of which 596,247 have been issued) be increased to $7,500,000 by the creation of 150,000 additional shares of the nominal value of $10 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

(2) That it is desirable to effect an amalgamation of the Company with the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company, Limited, and that accordingly (subject to the approval of a Special Resolution of the shareholders of that Company but not otherwise) the draft Agreement submitted to this meeting and expressed to be made between that Company and its Liquidator of the one part and this Company of the other part be hereby approved and that the General Managers of this Company be authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to enter into an Agreement with that Company and its Liquidator in the terms of the said draft and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as they think expedient.

(3) That the General Managers be at liberty to allot to the Liquidator of the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company, Limited, or his nominees three of the $10 shares of this Company (credited as fully paid up) in respect of every five of the issued $10 shares in that Company credited as paid up to the extent of $5) and also for the convenience of the said Liquidator to issue such fractional certificates as the said Liquidator shall think necessary or desirable to enable him to divide the said shares in this Company in due proportions among the persons entitled to them.

(4) That the shares so allotted to the nominees of the Liquidator of the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company, Limited, shall rank for dividend and bonus as from the 1st day of January, 1925, and that fractional certificates shall confer no right to dividend.

(5) That such shares if any in this Company as shall be so offered as aforesaid and decline (but not the remainder of the new shares of this Company created by the first preceding resolution) be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's General Managers shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the said offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company on Saturday, the 10th day of October, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as Special Resolutions the above mentioned Resolutions.

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